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Pope: No women priests

**He tells American bishops
to risk being unpopular**

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By Father Kenneth J. Doyle

CASTELGANDOLFO, Italy (NC)—In a strongly worded message, Pope John Paul II told U.S. bishops Set. 5 to reject the idea of women priests and to withdraw support from any group or individual advocating a female priesthood.

The bishops were also told to be faithful to church doctrine at the risk

'The bishop must... withdraw all support from individuals, or groups who... promote the ordination of women to the priesthood'

of being unpopular.

The pope coupled his opposition to a female priesthood with support for the dignity of women. Bishops should work for "every legitimate freedom that is consonant with their human nature and their womanhood," and "to oppose any and all discrimination of women by reason of sex," he said.

THE POPE'S WORDS came in a half-hour delivered in English to 23 U.S. bishops who were making their "ad limina" visits at Castelgandolfo, the pope's summer headquarters. "Ad limina" visits occur every five years and are required so that bishops can report to the pope on the status of

their dioceses.

"The bishop must give proof of his pastoral ability and leadership by withdrawing all support from individuals or groups who, in the name of progress, justice or compassion, or for any other reason, promote the ordination of women to the priesthood," the pope said.

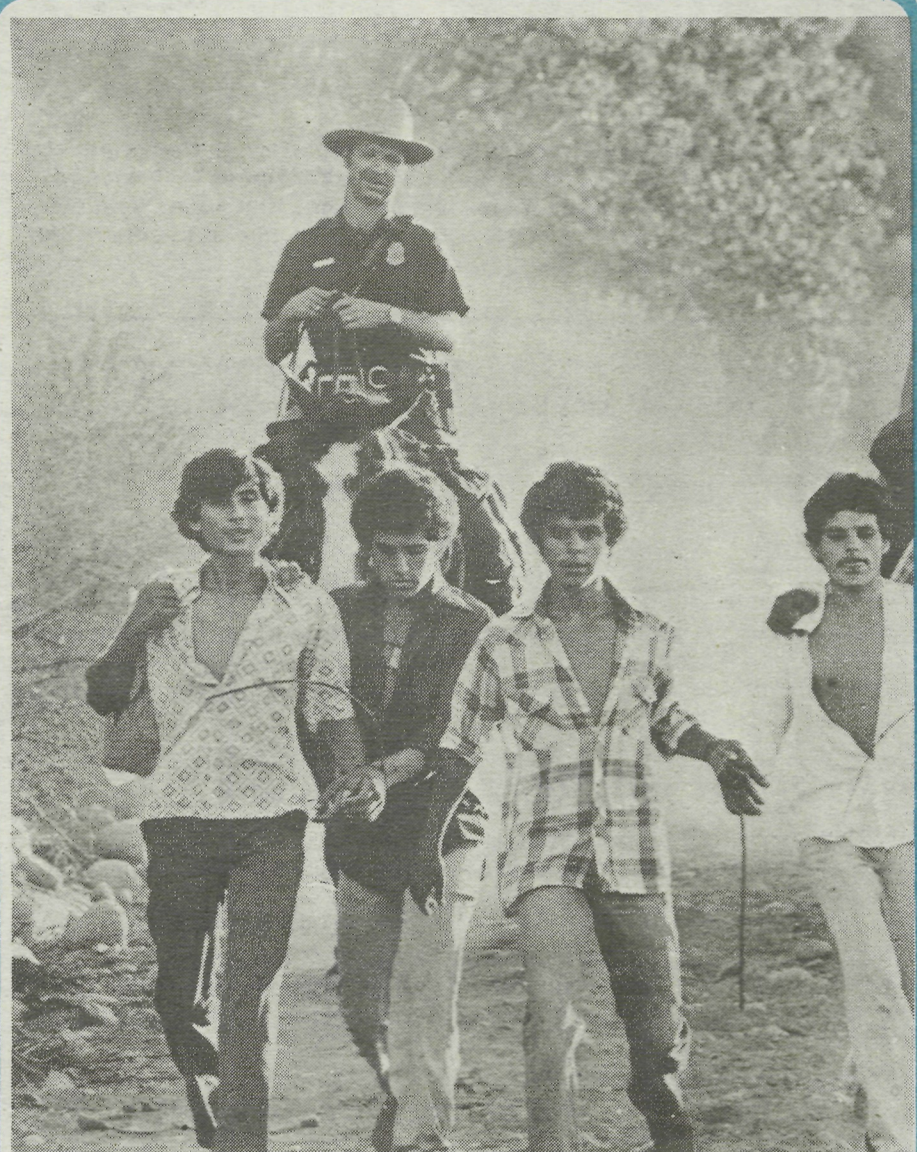
The exclusion of women from the priesthood, the pontiff said, "is linked to Christ's own design for the priesthood."

Previously, Pope John Paul had said that women may not be ordained because Christ, faced with the possibility of choosing women to be priests, did not do so and the practice of the church of today must model that of its founder.

In 1977 the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a formal declaration, approved by Pope Paul VI, stating that women could not be admitted to the priesthood. The declaration did not, however, take a stand on the ordination of women to the diaconate.

IN THE UNITED STATES, a major group promoting women priests is the Women's Ordination Conference and it recently completed a four-year dialogue with an ad hoc committee of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. The NCCB committee did not support

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RIDING HERD ON ALIENS—Border Patrol agent escorts illegal aliens to a holding station at Chula Vista, Ca., near Mexican border. An Archdiocese of Miami priest has spoken out against provisions of an immigration reform bill now before Congress. See page 3. (NC photo).

**'It is of the very nature of the Church that power
to consecrate is imparted to bishops and priests'**

Vatican: No Mass without priest

WASHINGTON (NC)—The Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has condemned as "absolutely incompatible with the faith" any view holding that the Eucharist can be celebrated without a sacramental ordained priest.

The condemnation, in the form of a letter to the world's bishops, seemed to be directed chiefly at the views Belgian-born Dominican Father Edward Schillebeeckx expressed in his recent book, "Ministry: Leadership in the Community of Jesus Christ." The letter did not, however, cite Father Schillebeeckx or any other theologians by name as proponents of the condemned views.

"Since it is of the very nature of the

church that the power to consecrate the Eucharist is imparted only to the bishops and priests who are constituted its ministers by the reception of Holy Orders, the church holds that the eucharistic mystery cannot be celebrated in any community except by an ordained priest, as expressly taught by the Fourth Lateran Council" in the year 1215, the papally approved document said.

THE DOCTRINAL congregation's new document was released Sept. 8 at the Vatican and simultaneously in Washington by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Titled "Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on Certain Questions Concerning the Minister of the

Eucharist," it is dated Aug. 6 and signed by the doctrinal congregation's prefect, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, and secretary, Archbishop Jerome Hamer.

The text of the letter states that Pope John Paul II approved it and ordered its publication.

In conjunction with distribution of the letter in the United States, the NCCB's Committee on Doctrine sent the nation's bishops a 46-page commentary on Father Schillebeeckx' views on ministry and the Eucharist, including published critiques of the Dominican's position by three theologians.

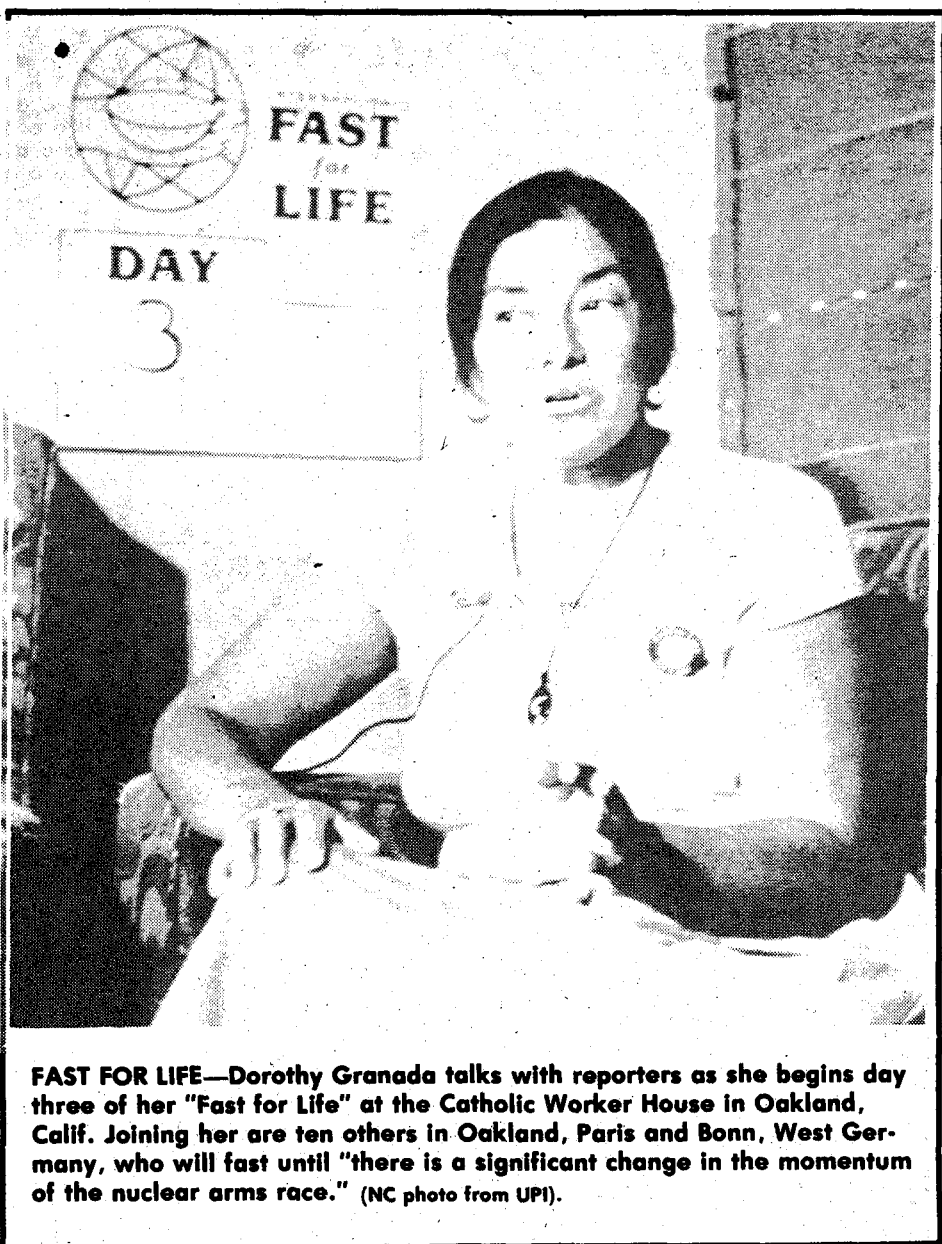
Archbishop John R. Quinn of San Francisco, who is chairman of the

NCCB Committee on Doctrine, also issued a pastoral letter on the question for his own archdiocese, and copies of it were sent by the NCCB to all the bishops in the country.

In his letter Archbishop Quinn said that the doctrinal congregation's statement is an occasion "to renew and deepen our conviction about the central importance of the priesthood" in the life of the church.

IT IS ALSO a challenge "to pray for vocations to the priesthood so that all the other ministries and charisms in the church may be nourished and energized" by the priestly ministries of preaching God's word and celebrating

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FAST FOR LIFE—Dorothy Granada talks with reporters as she begins day three of her "Fast for Life" at the Catholic Worker House in Oakland, Calif. Joining her are ten others in Oakland, Paris and Bonn, West Germany, who will fast until "there is a significant change in the momentum of the nuclear arms race." (NC photo from UPI).

Change 'Baby Doe' rule—Catholic group

ST. LOUIS (NC)—The Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA) has asked the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to allow modification of a proposed notice on care of handicapped infants.

Proposed HHS "Baby Doe" regulations require posting of notices in hospital nursing stations pointing out that denial of medical treatment to handicapped newborns is a violation of federal anti-discrimination laws and should be reported to the federal government.

The notice will also list a 24-hour hotline number for reporting violations.

The proposed notice has a "negative character," John E. Curley Jr., CHA president, said in a Sept. 1 letter to the HHS Office of Civil Rights.

Because it would require notices in nursing stations rather than in public access areas, the proposed HHS notice reduces the potential for "well-meaning but groundless and imprudent phone calls triggering unnecessary federal intrusions into the internal operation of hospitals," he said in the letter.

BUT THE HHS proposal appears to be still based on the underlying assumption that hospitals will protect the rights of handicapped newborns only under legal threat, Curley said.

"By suggesting that traditional values may no longer be operative

within our hospitals, the notice might subtly erode patient confidence, institutional morale and community support," he said.

"Catholic hospitals, along with the overwhelming majority of other hospitals have always respected the rights of handicapped infants and have done so irrespective of the mandate of federal law," he continued.

Curley recommended HHS allow CHA-member facilities and other interested institutions to preface the federal discrimination prohibition with a statement of the hospital's policy toward handicapped newborns.

"This hospital has a long tradition of caring for the people of this community," the CHA revision of the notice would say.

IT WOULD continue, "We treat all patients with dignity, respect and compassion. Because of our commitment to serve the best interests of all of our patients, including handicapped infants, we direct your attention to the federal law regarding non-discrimination against the handicapped; and to the following notice."

Curley also asked that the HHS regulations be revised to call for the hospital administrator to be contacted by the person notifying the federal government of an alleged violation.

Both the hospital and HHS would hold the caller's identity confidential, he said.

News at a Glance

Augustinians elect new head

ROME (NC)—The Augustinians, a 700-year-old religious order of men, elected Father Martin Nolan of Ireland as their new head, Augustinian officials in Rome announced Sept. 2.

Father Nolan, 50, became the first Irishman to head the order, which now includes 3,500 Augustinians who work in 42 nations. Members of the community work in teaching, study, foreign mission and pastoral care.

Irish priest will head Dominicans

ROME (NC)—Dominicans from around the world elected Father Damian Byrne, an Irishman, as the 84th head of the order founded by St. Dominic of Guzman in 1216.

The election took place Sept. 2 at the Angelicum University in Rome, where Dominican provincial leaders are meeting in a general chapter.

Father Byrne, who has spent most of his priesthood working in Latin America, becomes only the second head of the order to speak English as his first language.

Poland's bishops call for amnesty

WARSAW, Poland (NC)—Poland's Catholic bishops criticized the tough "special regulations" enacted by the government in ending martial law and said authorities had missed the chance for a "national accord" provided by Pope John Paul II's visit to Poland in June. The bishops also called for amnesty for those imprisoned under martial law, for restoring independent trade unions, for rehiring workers fired for political views and for a government dialogue with workers and intellectuals "responding to their just aspirations."

Papal pleas provoke Soviet anger

VATICAN CITY (RNS)—Ten thousand spectators applauded a new plea by Pope John Paul II for worldwide religious freedom in what is becoming a running papal battle with communist authorities in Eastern Europe. The pontiff told a crowd at his summer residence, "We must defend human life which is threatened by war, and we must defend man's spiritual life which is threatened by sin, and the lack of respect for human rights and the freedom of religion and conscience." The Soviet news agency Tass has called such remarks by the Pope part of his "anti-socialist activities."

Amnesty asked for Argentine military

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (NC)—The outgoing military government, fearing an Argentine Nuremberg, is drafting an amnesty law which would forgive members of the security forces for using "frontier justice" in its dirty war against guerrillas. The armed forces want the law to be in effect before a civilian government takes office in January 1984 to avoid possible prosecution. The proposal would forgive members of the forces who detained, tortured, robbed and executed Argentines in anti-guerrilla operations since 1973.

U.N. Plans religious study

UNITED NATIONS (NC)—The United Nations plans to organize a seminar next year on religious freedom and tolerance. The plan was announced in Geneva, Switzerland, by Kurt Herndl, U.N. assistant secretary general for human rights, during a one-day debate in August before a U.N. subcommittee on human rights. The study of religious intolerance and discrimination will be based on the 1981 U.N. declaration on the elimination of all forms of intolerance or discrimination because of religion or belief.

Chile ends state of emergency

SANTIAGO, Chile (NC)—After meeting with opposition leaders, Chile's military government granted amnesty to 1,160 political exiles and announced an end to the state of emergency which gave the government powers to impose curfews, prohibit meetings and prohibit publications. The separate government announcements met some of the demands made by the civilian opposition leaders and came after a coalition of opposition political parties and a government official opened talks, initiated by the church, on the issue of returning the government to civilian rule.

Dress code enforced at St. Peter's

VATICAN CITY (RNS)—Visitors beware: no bare shoulders or bare knees will be tolerated inside St. Peter's Basilica, the principal church in the seat of Roman Catholicism. Dozens of tourists, including small children in short pants, have been turned away from the famed edifice because of renewed enforcement of the Vatican dress code. It's not just the basilica that's off limits. Tourist books and pamphlets warn men and women to carry a pair of trousers in their knapsacks when entering Vatican City. The dress code has long existed, but only recently has it again been enforced. Some bare-torsoed and miniskirted sightseers have had to content themselves with photographing the statues and columns that encircle St. Peter's because guards sent them away.

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'Lord... why did you not stop the cruel hands of the Soviet Union?'

Cardinal Kim, Seoul

Soviet attack called 'murder'

Pope, bishops decry destruction of airliner

By NC News Service

Pope John Paul II sent his condolences to the Korean people and the official Vatican newspaper issued a harshly worded editorial in the wake of the Sept. 1 attack on a Korean Air Lines jet near the Soviet island of Sakhalin which killed 269 passengers.

Also condemning the attack was the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. In a statement the NCCB president, Archbishop John R. Roach of St. Paul-Minneapolis, called the incident "an act of murder."

The Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, in a signed front-page editorial harshly condemned the attack and said those responsible "lacked all elementary respect for life."

Without naming the Soviet Union, which later admitted that its jet interceptors shot down the plane, the editorial said that if the reported version of the events were true, then "the words pronounced about peace are without meaning."

A SOVIET statement broadcast Sept. 6 said Soviet planes had been ordered to stop the flight of the intruding aircraft and said the Soviet pilots "couldn't know that it was a civilian plane."

Pope John Paul, in a telegram to Cardinal Stephen Kim of Seoul, said he was "shocked" by the tragedy and sent his "heartfelt condolences to you and the Korean people at this time of intense sorrow."

The telegram, sent Sept. 2, the day after the attack, added, "I join with you and all the citizens of your country in earnestly praying for peace among the nations of the world."

Cardinal Kim later was one of several South Korean religious leaders who led a memorial service Sept. 7 in Seoul for the victims.

"Lord... why did you not stop the cruel hands of the Soviet Union?" he prayed.

Thousands of people filed past a huge altar in Seoul's soccer stadium, some stopping to place photos of the dead on it.

ARCHBISHOP Roach's statement for the NCCB, issued Sept. 7, said incidents such as the Soviet attack must be called by "their real names."

He added, "The conscious, purposeful destruction of the Korean airliner was a direct attack on innocent human lives—an act of murder."

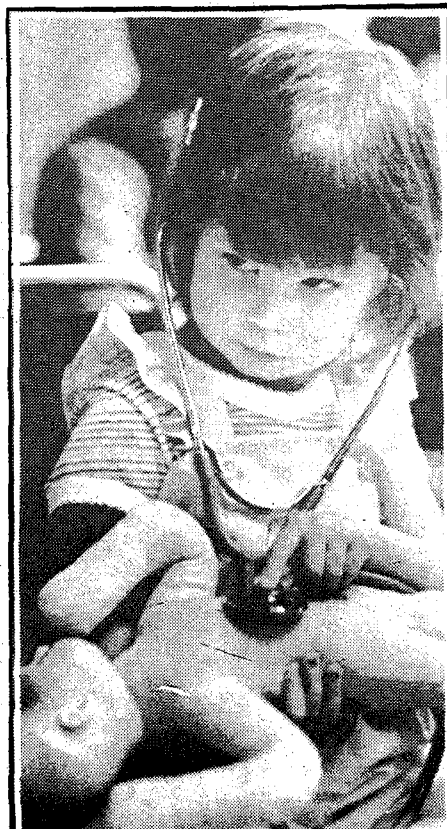
But Archbishop Roach also noted the "danger and fragility" of U.S.-Soviet relations.

"As the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on war and peace observes, the United States and the Soviet Union are divided by philosophy and history, but linked in their shared capacity to do enormous injury to one another and to the world," Archbishop Roach said.

He praised President Reagan "for recognizing the moral reality" of the Soviet action and the "moral imperative of a U.S. response that does not exceed what is necessary."

"In particular I agree that despite this massive and evil tragedy U.S.-Soviet negotiations on nuclear arms limitations must continue," he said.

The *L'Osservatore Romano* editorial, published Sept. 3 and signed by the newspaper's director, Valerio Volpini, said that hundreds of



ADDITION ON THE WAY—Sarah Janczak, 2, listens intently through her stethoscope during a sibling class for expectant families at the St. Francis Community Hospital in Greenville, S.C. Children are taught how their own brothers and sisters will be born and how to enjoy the new relationship. (NC photo from UPI).

defenseless people were "condemned to a horrible death without any hesitation."

"This is an event that goes beyond our imagination. How could it happen that whoever decided to down this airplane failed to think of another solution to protecting national airspace, beyond that of destruction?" the editorial said.

THE ARTICLE ended by declaring the incident "an absurd and terrible act, contrary to international customs, that cannot be defined as an 'act of war' but as the indiscriminate murder of innocents. It is a monstrous tragedy that offends the conscience of all men and all nations."

Individual bishops in the United States also condemned the attack.

Archbishop Philip M. Hannan of New Orleans called the Soviet action "worse than an act of war."

In a column in the Sept. 8 issue of the *Clarion Herald*, newspaper of the New Orleans Archdiocese, Archbishop Hannan said the attack was an "outrageous crime" and added, "We are dealing with an enemy who denies at all times and under all circumstances that persons have human rights."

ARCHBISHOP James A. Hickey of Washington said his archdiocese joined the world in "shock, sorrow and outrage" at the incident.

"The willful destruction of a defenseless civilian airliner resulting in the death of 269 innocent human beings merits universal and unequivocal condemnation," Archbishop Hickey said.

President Reagan, in a nationally televised speech Sept. 5, said the incident "can only be called the Korean air line massacre." He played a tape recording of a Soviet pilot reporting to a ground controller that "the target is destroyed" two seconds after the pilot launched a heat-seeking missile.

Reagan also denied Soviet contentions that the Korean airliner, a Boeing 747 jumbo jet, could have been misidentified as a U.S. RC-135 spy plane.

He said there "is no way" the commercial airliner could have been mistaken for the smaller U.S. aircraft.

Migrant groups protest immigration bill

Florida migrant organizations are gearing up to fight provisions in the proposed immigration reform bill that would expand the guestworker program.

At a meeting in Tampa, Fla., sponsored by the Association of Migrant Organizations, Father Frank O'Loughlin, pastor of Holy Cross Church in Indiantown, charged that any expansion of the current guestworker program, called H-2, would jeopardize as many as 100,000 jobs, both those of American workers and those of Haitians living in farming areas.

In 1964, he said, "when the bracero program (importation of Mexican workers) ended, there was a loophole left in the immigration law. The loophole in the law said that if employers cannot find an American worker for a specific job, foreign

workers may be imported. That's when H-2 was born."

FATHER O'Loughlin said the bracero program was abandoned because employers failed to live up to the terms of the agreements and workers were often treated inhumanely.

"It is immoral to use a human being by taking his labor and productivity with no provision for his human needs," he said. "If workers are brought in, bring them in as human beings, not as a permanent underclass. Let them bring their families, give them a decent wage, education and social security. Allow them the opportunity to grow spiritually."

"If we really need them, bring them in and give them a quality life."

CURRENTLY, the H-2 program

uses about 25,000 workers, with the greatest concentration being in Belle Glade, where about 9,000 Jamaicans work in the sugar cane fields.

Father O'Loughlin said there are dangerous working conditions, low wages and exploited labor in the Belle Glade area.

"It is a Third World community," he said, adding that "the H-2 worker is exploitable—and even more vulnerable than the illegal alien—because he can be deported on the say-so of his employer."

Father O'Loughlin also addressed a group of migrant workers at St. Juliana Church in West Palm Beach, where the workers carried placards reading "No more slavery. Stop H-2" and "We believe in just wages. Stop H-2."

Father O'Loughlin told that group that "if you live among Florida farm

workers, you can't be non-partisan about this. The bill is immoral."

IN MIAMI a coalition of South Florida groups urged defeat of the controversial immigration bill. The coalition includes the National Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Forum; the American Friends Service Committee and the League of United Latin American Citizens.

Domingo Gonzales of the American Friends Service Committee, a former migrant worker, said that most farmworkers now are lucky if they work two or three days a week.

"When contract workers from other countries are used, conditions already horrible in agriculture will worsen," he said, adding that the bill will have an especially bad effect on blacks and Hispanic communities in Florida.

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'Unleash power of love,' bishop tells young people



BISHOP AT POW-WOW — Bishop John Kinney of Bismarck, N.D., wears an Indian shirt as he dances at a pow-wow with people attending the Tekakwitha Conference at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn. The five-day conference brought together more than 1,500 native Americans from 100 tribes as well as bishops, priests, Religious and laity who work with them. (NC photo)

CLEVELAND (NC)—Challenging young people to "unleash the power" of love, Bishop Anthony M. Pilla of Cleveland asked them to make Christ alive in the world today.

"I challenge you today to unleash the power of your love. I ask you to make it real for me, for your parents, for the people you live and work with and for your brothers and sisters who desperately need your love," the bishop said in a pastoral letter to youth and young adults titled "Come... Together We Are Church."

"I challenge you today to be fully Christian and to accept the mandate to care for each other. Make Christ alive and real in your world."

BISHOP Pilla summarized his pastoral letter in a presentation to about 3,000 young people in Cleveland. The bishop celebrated Mass and mingled with the young people.

He spoke of the love young people receive from Christ and the Christian community.

"But please remember, we need your love too, more than ever before. Your love is fresh, powerful and contagious. I ask you to share your love with us. The power of your love can revitalize a tired community. The power of your love in asking questions and raising issues compels us to reassess our beliefs. The power of your love brings hope to the elderly and sick and offers healing to those who hurt."

Adults must accept the place of young people in the church, Bishop Pilla continued, and at the same time young people must accept their respon-

sibilities.

"You do have a place with us" in the church, he said. "That place will be as real, as effective, as possible as we together make it..."

"I believe, as Jesus taught, something wonderful begins to unfold when we each accept our responsibility to love one another."

NO ONE lives or grows alone, the bishop told the young people. "At every point in life we all need someone. Yet, all too often, relationships seem to elude you, or they are shallow and lack direction. There is often a loneliness in your life, a sense of being misunderstood and pressured by one another," Bishop Pilla said.

Young people experience the weakening of family life and the deterioration of moral values, he said. "Daily you are told that your education is inadequate, that politics is a joke and that religion is an unnecessary crutch."

Bishop Pilla told the young people that with the pressures they face they must know and understand that God calls them to a personal relationship with him that is real and fulfilling and that God accepts them as they are.

"It is important for me to tell you that I, and many others, do see and do understand how real all of this is for you," the bishop said, adding that it is important to realize that adults too face these pressures.

"Simply, all of us need to feel loved. We long for it, we search for it. We will never be happy until we find it," he said.

Make family ministry priority, priest says

PITTSBURGH (NC)—With the "awesome changes" in society today, it is time for a reawakening of interest in the reality of modern family life, said Msgr. John C. McCarren, executive director of the Pittsburgh Diocese's Department for Social and Community Development.

The family is going through a period of crisis reflected in high divorce rates, increasing numbers of runaways, reconstituted families and single-parent families, "but no one says the family is any less important today," Msgr. McCarren said.

In the United States, he said, only 13 percent of families fit the category of what many see as the average family—father at work and mother at home caring for the couple's two or three children.

"A full 87 percent of families do not fit this image today," Msgr. McCarren

said in an interview with the *Pittsburgh Catholic*, diocesan newspaper.

AS THE CHURCH tries to meet changing needs, "we must be very careful not to program families," he said. "I see this kind of thinking today, and as long as we look at the issue like this the basic message will be missed."

Msgr. McCarren, who recently concluded 15 years as moderator of the Social Welfare Department of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference and as a board member of the state Department of Public Welfare, maintained that how the church understands this issue and answers it "will be very significant to the future of its social service work."

In Pope John Paul II's apostolic exhortation, "Familiaris Consortio" (The Community of the Family), he

stressed the importance of seeing the family as the subject of ministry and warned that the church should not usurp roles the family could perform better.

"**ANYTHING** that takes power from the family to realize itself must be challenged by the church too," Msgr. McCarren said. "The 'Consortio' is truly radical in that sense."

The monsignor focused on what Pope John Paul called the "fundamental duties" of the family:

- The family must seek to become a community of persons. Msgr. McCarren explained that, more and more, a shift is occurring, from a ministry to individuals to one studying individuals as parts of families;
- The family must serve life, not only in the transmission of life itself but also

in the sharing of Christian values;

● The family must participate in the development of society and, as such, will become "an instrument of change;"

● The family must share in the mission and life of the church, becoming "a believing, evangelizing community in dialogue with God, a community in the service of humanity."

The church has not really developed a "theology" of the family, Msgr. McCarren said, calling Pope John Paul's "Familiaris Consortio" a first effort in that direction.

He suggested "think tanks" to pursue such study, offering training and encouragement.

Through such efforts, Msgr. McCarren said he hopes, "Maybe we'll get to the root of what it means to think family."

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An ambassador to the Vatican?

Congress may approve now, but few Catholics voicing support

By Jim Lackey

WASHINGTON (NC)—Has the time come for the establishment of full diplomatic relations between the United States and the Holy See? Some in Congress may think so, but the proposal seems to be generating little enthusiasm or discussion anywhere else.

That in itself is a major change from previous years, when proposals to lift a U.S. ban on Vatican relations drew loud protests from church-state separationists. But despite the muted opposition not many people are coming out in support of the proposal either.

The mid-summer announcement

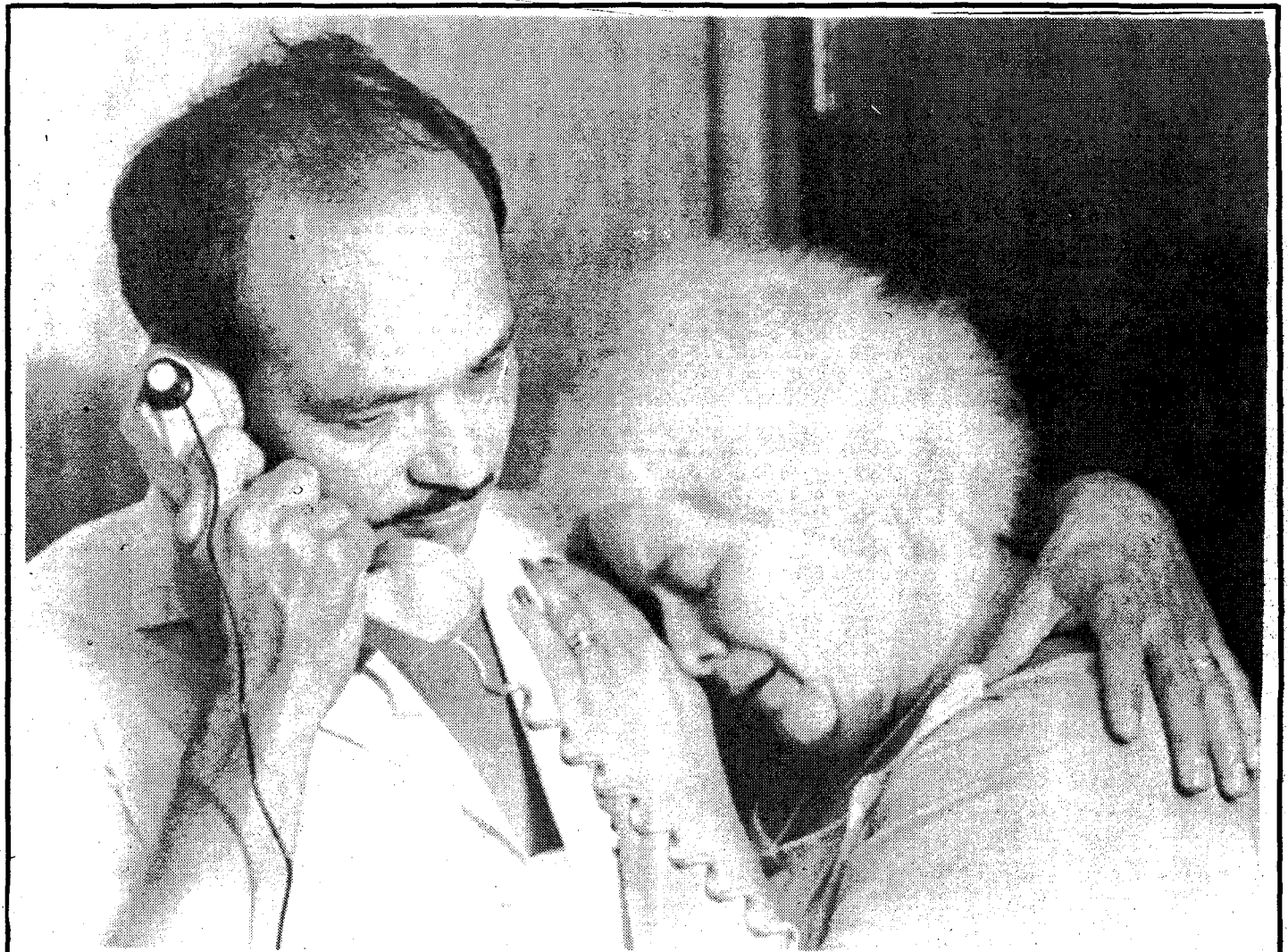
'One bill says U.S.-Vatican relations need more than just the personal representative that U.S. presidents have been sending to Rome.'

that Congress was considering lifting the Vatican relations ban had all the markings of a typical trial balloon. Someone floats a potentially controversial proposal, then sees how long the idea actually flies.

In this case Rep. Clement Zablocki (D-Wis.), chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, introduced the bill on Vatican relations in late June. Two weeks later sources on Zablocki's staff and at the State Department who asked not to be identified began testing the waters by telling reporters that the Reagan administration would favor passage of such a bill.

But publication of the story brought less than the expected public outcry. Whereas President Harry Truman's plan in 1951 to appoint an ambassador to the Holy See barely got off the ground, this latest proposal drew little immediate notice from either the media or the groups that could be expected to oppose such a plan.

ALMOST three weeks later a similar bill was introduced in the Senate. Its chief sponsor, Sen. Richard G. Lugar (R-Ind.), called the Vatican under



OFFERS CONDOLENCES—Alexander Ortega Sr. comforts his wife, Helen, during a telephone conversation with President Reagan, who called the Ortega's Henrietta, N.Y. home to offer condolences on the death of their son, Staff Sgt. Alexander Michael Ortega, Jr., one of four Marines killed in Beirut, Lebanon as a result of Moslem-Christian fighting. The Ortegas, members of GoodShepherd Catholic Church, said their faith is helping them cope with the loss of their son. (NC photo from UPI)

Pope John Paul II "a sensitive diplomatic center" and said U.S.-Vatican relations need more than just the personal representative that U.S. presidents have been sending to Rome in recent years. (The current representative is a longtime Reagan friend, William Wilson.)

Both bills received broad bipartisan support. Zablocki's measure was co-sponsored by 15 Democratic and 10 Republican members of his foreign affairs panel, while Lugar's received the co-sponsorship of 19 senators whose ideologies range from Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.).

Ironically, Kennedy's brother John, first Catholic president of the United States, opposed diplomatic relations with the Vatican on church-state grounds and refused to send a personal representative.

But despite that kind of support in Congress there seems to be little enthusiasm elsewhere.

AS EXPECTED, one of the chief

opponents is Americans United for Separation of Church and State, which said formal U.S.-Vatican links would constitute favoritism for one religion and lead to entanglement between American civil government and a religious entity.

Also still opposed to the move is the National Council of Churches, the association of 32 national Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations.

The Rev. Dean M. Kelley, the NCC's director for religious and civil liberty, said the organization has been opposed to sending an ambassador to the Vatican since the Truman administration and added that the NCC "doesn't see anything particularly new and different" in the latest proposal.

The proposal isn't getting a whole lot of Catholic support either, despite Pope John Paul's stated desire for official ties with all countries of the world. Countries with which the Vatican has formal relations now number more than 100.

The U.S. Catholic bishops continue

to neither support nor oppose the Vatican link, says Russell Shaw, the bishops' chief spokesman. Shaw said the bishops have no plan to discuss the issue at the Sept. 13-15 meeting of their Administrative Committee.

ONE CATHOLIC newspaper columnist, Ed Grant of *The Advocate*, newsweekly of the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J., said such ties would have "enormous advantages" for the United States and would make American Catholics feel a little less like second-class citizens.

The wide ideological range backing the measure in Congress seems to indicate that the issue won't be bogged down by partisan politics even though the Reagan administration is among the plan's supporters.

But with few outside the Capital particularly enthusiastic about the proposal—with the possible exception of the Vatican itself—there may not be enough support to push the measure through Congress.

Priest: Peace pastoral a factor in elections

NEW YORK (NC)—The U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on war and peace will be a factor in the 1984 presidential election, according to Father J. Bryan Hehir, the U.S. Catholic Conference's director for international justice and peace. "I think the bishops' letter will help keep the nuclear question before the American public as one of the central issues by which any candidate or party ought to be judged, and in that sense I think it will have an impact on the election," he said in an interview in the July-August issue of *The Interdependent*, a New York-based monthly.



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Catholic values

This generation hasn't passed them on, survey finds

By Charles A. Savitskas

Opinion polls can tell Catholics how little they differ in moral values and external religious practices from the American mainstream.

But pollsters admit that their questionnaires cannot delve into the one crucial area—how much a person allows his faith to influence his daily life. Many claim that this is the ultimate dividing line between a person with a Catholic identity and one who is totally secularized.

As long as there is a wide discrepancy between faith and action, all the various external elements of Catholic identity mean very little.

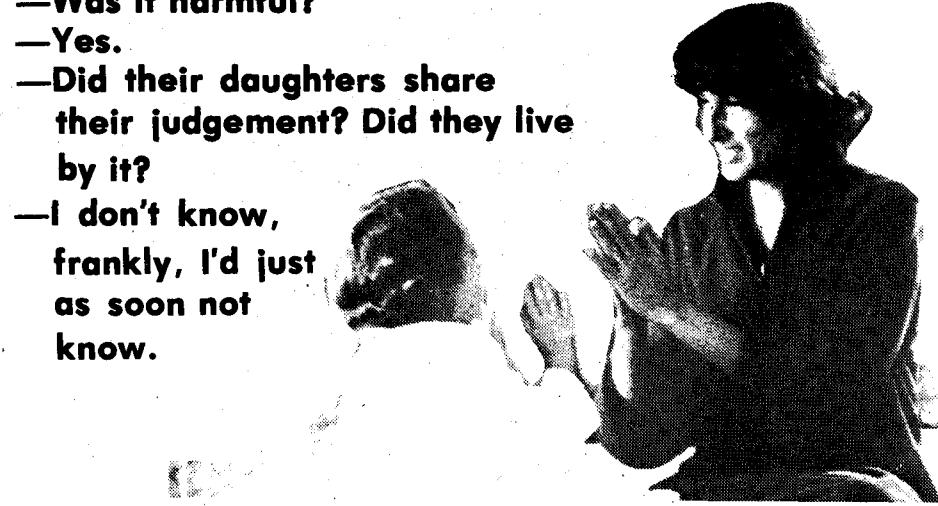
Father James T. Burtchaell, C.S.C., a theologian at the University of Notre Dame, backed into this discussion on Catholic identity when he was doing some typical theological research with his students.

He was looking with a theological eye at some instances of people who have disengaged their faith from their actions. Those to whom this has happened, despite their remaining marks of Catholic identity, are somehow "beyond the reach of the Church's preaching." They have become "totally secularized."

FATHER Burtchaell makes a strong link between eroding Catholic identity and moral decline. He believes they go hand in hand.

Father Burtchaell began his research by collecting examples of where faith was not synchronized with action "I started noticing how many persons seemed not to be drawing any operative nourishment from their creeds."

—Did they have views on sex outside of marriage?
—Yes.
—Was it harmful?
—Yes.
—Did their daughters share their judgement? Did they live by it?
—I don't know, frankly, I'd just as soon not know.



One of the most discomfiting results of his survey, Father Burtchaell found, was the seeming inability or, worse, unwillingness of parents to pass on the values in which they believed to their children.

His student-researchers discovered an "entire sector of moral wisdom in the Catholic tradition that has gone mute" in regard to sex and marriage.

"SEVERAL student enquirers were disquieted by a massive fracture they found in the tradition in the Church's moral wisdom about sex."

One student interviewed a group of women, all mothers of adolescent girls. "Did they have views on sex outside of marriage? Yes, they did. Was it, in their opinion, harmful? Yes, they believed it was. Was this an important concern? Yes, for misuse of sex could be seriously destructive. Did their daughters share their judgment on this? Here the answer tended to be 'Well, she knows how I feel.' The stu-

dent, somewhat puzzled: 'Well, does she live by it?' The mother: 'I don't know. And, frankly, I would just as soon not know.'

"Here was a group of witnesses, all looking into their own experience and asserting that it confirmed the tradition of the Church that extramarital sex was unfulfilling, inappropriate, incomplete. Yet they were unready to share this view with the young adults who depended on their prior experience as their cue and guide.

"Here was the fracture in the tradition: an older generation validating the tradition but unprepared to vouch for it to their juniors, lest they seem to be judging."

"THE YOUNGER generation, meanwhile, is forming its mind in pro-

found ignorance of what their elders have learned. They are in the situation of the girl who had been pregnant at 17 and who, at 23, commented: 'I needed help to discern love from unhealthy dependency and manipulation. But adults around me never talked about sexual relationships in those terms.'

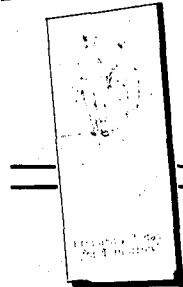
The elders clearly do have strong beliefs in harmony with the teachings of the church, but according to Father Burtchaell, almost refuse to express it publicly and to pass these beliefs along to the next generation.

Traditional Catholic moral teaching, which is certainly part of Catholic identity, says Father Burtchaell, is "not being transmitted to those of an age who need it and benefit by it. Perhaps it contains hard sayings, and a generation with a conspicuous failure of nerve has shrunk from vouching for it. Perhaps it has been bleached out of the fabric of faith by a dominating secularism that has Catholics embarrassed about their countersocial customs and convictions. Whatever the causes, this phenomenon is one to give us pause—long and grave pause."

In many of the studies Father Burtchaell's students reported on, "Christian tradition was found wanting," in the sense that "it lacked straightforward, intelligible articulation," he said. "It had quietly been edged aside by other visions of the life under heaven which owed little to Jesus' Gospel."

Charles A. Savitskas in associate editor of *Our Sunday Visitor*, from which this article is reprinted.

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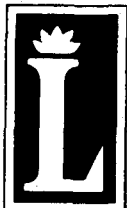
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The rich don't need tax credits, but poor, minorities sure do

By Michael Schwartz
Special to The Voice

Not long ago, Congressman Stewart McKinney of Connecticut, after addressing a group of his Catholic constituents at a parish auditorium in Stamford, was asked his position on tuition tax credits.

Stating that he was a strong supporter of private education, the Congressman, though not a Catholic himself, said he was sending his son to the Jesuit-operated Fairfield Prep. He

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expressed his admiration for the teachers and administrators there, and praised the high quality education his son was receiving.

But, said the congressman, he did not think it fair to get a tax break himself for paying to give his son a good education. He and his wife had made a private decision to send their son to an expensive Jesuit prep school, he said, and they were willing to pay for that choice.

Having demonstrated his own altruism, Congressman McKinney then proceeded to scale an even higher moral ground. Asserting that private schools educate only the privileged, he expressed fear that a tuition tax credit would lead to racial and economic stratification in educational opportunity.

Congressman McKinney's audience was not impressed. In fact, they were insulted by his attitude, which seemed to them reminiscent of Marie An-

toinette's legendary remark about peasants eating cake.

CONGRESSMAN McKinney's income far exceeds that of his middle-class audience, so paying tuition to Fairfield Prep is not a significant strain on the McKinney family budget.

But the people in his audience that evening—those who heard their congressman tell them why it would be a bad thing to vote for a tax break for them—could not afford to send their sons to an expensive Jesuit prep school. In fact, many of them had their children in public schools because they could not afford to send them to even a low-tuition Catholic school, even though they would prefer to.

A few blocks from the site of that meeting is a large, fairly new Catholic elementary school which had been forced to close two years earlier because the people in that parish could no longer afford to operate it.

It is hardly surprising that people put into a financial squeeze because they choose to exercise their constitutional right to provide a private education for their children—or worse, cannot afford to exercise that right—feel a certain measure of resentment at a well-heeled congressman who pats himself on the back for being willing to pay tuition without any tax break and wonders why they are not as public-spirited as he is.

To them, Congressman McKinney's argument seems to boil down to: private schools are for the elite, so let's keep it that way.

Of course, he did not state the case

in just those words, but what else could he mean by asserting that private schools are serving only the white and wealthy?

If this were true (And it is not: even in McKinney's rather affluent Fairfield County congressional district, private schools are educating low-income, minority children), it would suggest that a reform along the lines of a tuition tax credit was needed to help equalize educational opportunity.

To maintain the status quo with respect to education funding is just to maintain the status quo with respect to socio-economic stratification in education.

THE FACT is that some private schools, including the one McKinney's son attends, are so expensive that low- and middle-income students are virtually excluded from them unless they can obtain a scholarship. But a tuition tax credit would put private education within reach of many families who cannot now afford to make such a choice.

Just who those people are was revealed recently in a study conducted by the National Institute of Education. Public school parents were asked whether they would be likely to transfer their children to a private school if a tax credit of \$250 were available. The great majority of them would not do so.

Among white parents, only 6 percent said they would be "very likely" to transfer their children to a private school if such a tax credit were available. But among black parents, 18 percent said they would be "very like-

ly" to make such a change, and among Hispanics, the proportion "very likely" to transfer their children rose to 20 percent.

Therefore, it seems that a tuition tax credit would foster greater racial integration in private schools, and that its greatest impact would be in offering minority parents access to educational alternatives.

Moreover, those likely to transfer their children to private schools if a tax credit were available are concentrated in the lower income brackets. Among families with income from \$7,500 to \$15,000 a year, 18 percent said they would be "very likely" to send their children to a private school if they could get a tax break to help defray the cost. But among families with incomes over \$25,000, only 2.9 percent said they would be motivated to make such a change.

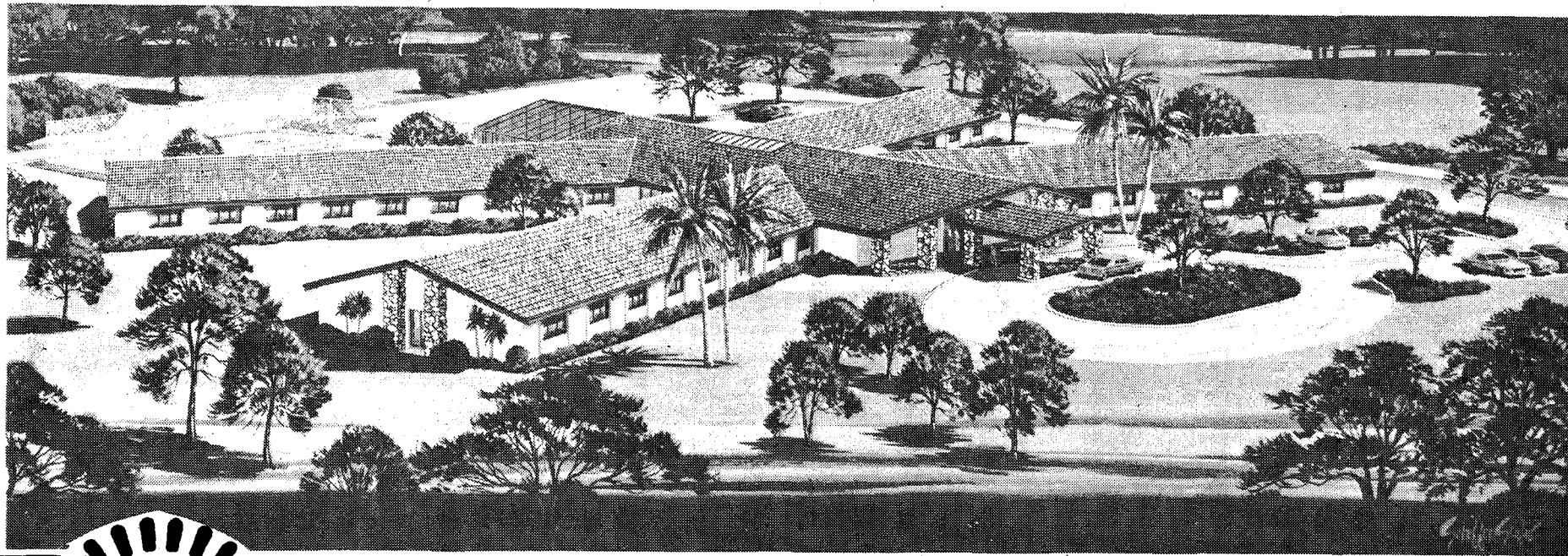
THE REASON for this is fairly obvious. Among families who would like to send their children to private schools, those who can already afford it are already doing so. But lower-income families now cannot afford to meet tuition payments without a tax break, so they are forced by economic constraints to send their children to schools which they would rather not patronize.

In other words, the current system of education financing tends to make private schools exclusive. It discourages the poor and it discourages minorities.

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Ugly stories from El Salvador

By William Bole
Religious News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—They went to El Salvador to speak with government officials, displaced persons, and church officials about the mounting "internal" refugee problem in the country. But, from the day they arrived in the country, members of an inter-religious delegation were followed by a series of mysterious incidents that perhaps revealed more than any official meeting.

The Americans were representatives of the Salvadoran Humanitarian Aid,

'The death squad entered the camp, broke all the windows, shot bullets in the air...pistol-whipped one person'

—Eileen Purcell
Catholic official

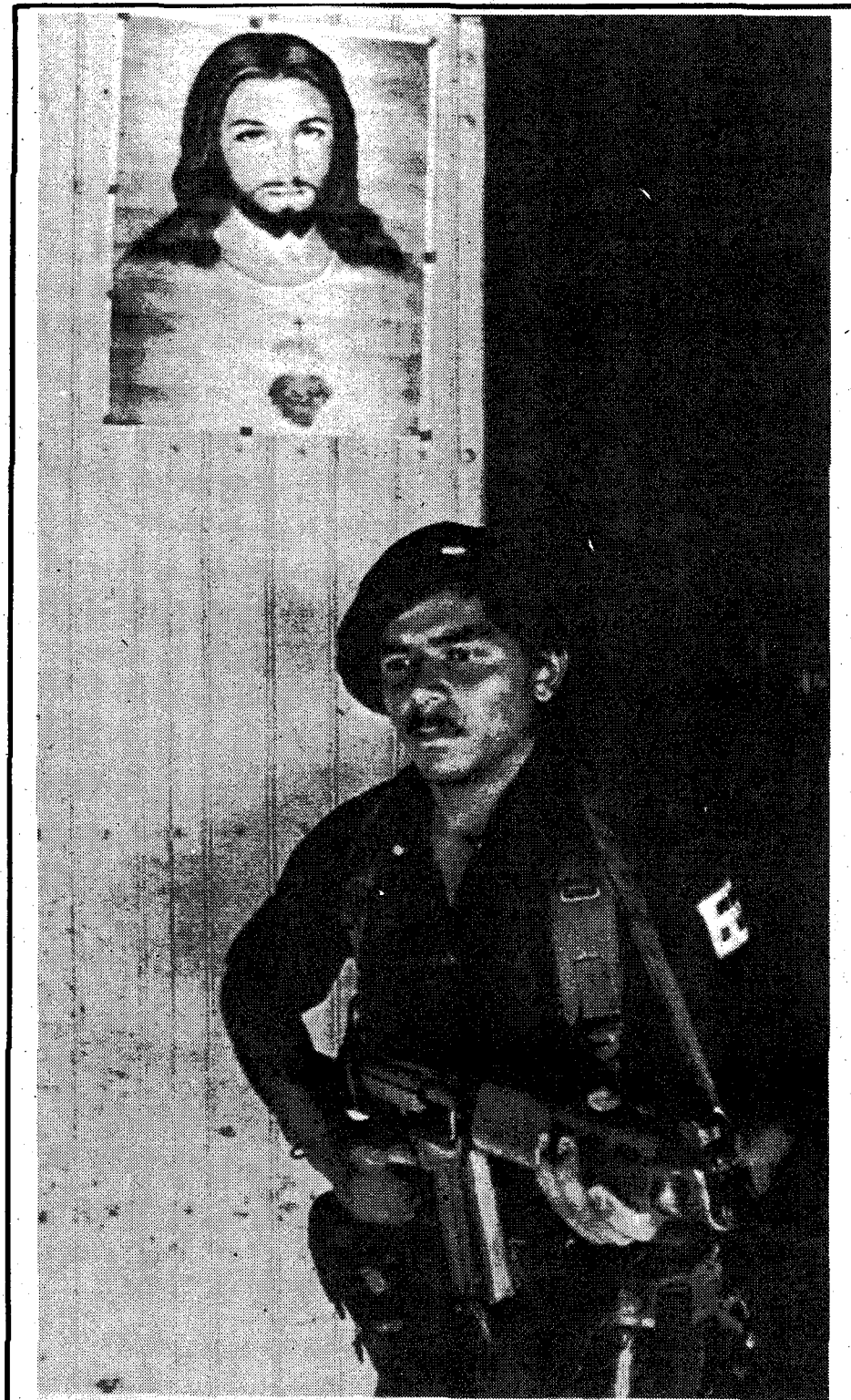
Research and Education (SHARE) Foundation, which funnels aid to refugees inside the country through the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Salvador. The group says that the number of refugees, or displaced persons, in the country has grown from 70,000 to 400,000 in the past two years.

When they arrived in El Salvador on July 18, there was no one at the airport to pick them up. "People from the archdiocese were supposed to meet us there," said Eileen Purcell, a board member of SHARE and immigration director of Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. "But, as they were ready to leave the archdiocese office, they noticed a death squad outside—heavily armed men in civilian dress in a wagon. For them, it was a common occurrence, and they thought it would be prudent to wait until they left."

THE NEXT DAY, the six members of the delegation visited the Domus Marie refugee center, where the archdiocese houses about 300 people. "A few hours after we left, the death squad entered the camp, broke all of the windows, shot bullets in the air, struck a man and a woman and pistol-whipped one person," said Purcell. She said armed men tried to abduct two young refugees. "But, the women and children formed a human chain and surrounded the two young men, and they sang: 'If we are all children of God, we are all brothers and sisters. Let them go.'" The armed men left.

A day later, after meeting with eight women from the Committee of the Mothers of the Disappeared, they learned that one of them had disappeared. As far as they know, said the Rev. Gus Schultz, a Lutheran pastor and member of the delegation, "her whereabouts and fate are still unknown."

That same evening, civilian-dressed men identifying themselves as the National Police came to the home of Tutela Legal, who heads the



ON GUARD—Beneath a picture of Jesus, an anti-Sandinista Nicaraguan guerrilla stands in a doorway of an abandoned schoolhouse. The guerrillas, backed not-so-secretly by the United States, have been conducting hit-and-run raids along the Nicaraguan border with Honduras.

(NC photo from UPI)

archdiocese's center for human-rights documentation. When they did not find her there, said Pastor Schultz, "her room was searched and all her legal documents were taken as well as all published material about Archbishop Oscar Romero," who was assassinated by a death squad in 1981, and his successor, Archbishop Rivera y Damas.

Purcell added that National Police members stopped the group's jeep at one point, asked them to get out of the car, and took the name and address of the driver from the archdiocese. And, just before they left, in the broad daylight of busy San Salvador, she said they "saw an unmarked, white truck with four or five heavily armed men, with a body in the back."

THIS GROUP of Americans was not the first to return from El Salvador with an almost unexplainable account

of pervasive violence side-by-side with every-day living. Joan Didion, whose book "Salvador" was published this year, had this to say:

"The dead and pieces of the dead turn up in El Salvador everywhere, every day, as taken for granted as in a nightmare, or a horror movie. Vultures, of course, suggest the presence of a body. A knot of children on the street suggests the presence of a body. Bodies turn up in the brush of vacant lots, in the garbage thrown down ravines in the richest districts, in public rest rooms, in bus stations."

She continues, "Some are dropped in Lake Ilopango, a few miles east of the city, and wash up near the lakeside cottages and clubs frequented by what remains in San Salvador of the sporting bourgeoisie. Some still turn up at El Playon, the lunar lava field of rotting human flesh visible at one time

or another on every television screen in America but characterized in June of 1982 in the *El Salvador News Gazette*, an English-language weekly edited by an American named Mario Rosenthal, as an 'unconfirmed story... dredged up from the files of leftist propaganda.'

"Others turn up at Puerta del Diablo above Parque Balboa, a national Turicentro described as recently as the April-July 1982 issue of *Aboard TCA*, the magazine provided passengers on the national airline of El Salvador, as 'offering excellent subjects for color photography.'"

'The dead and pieces of the dead turn up everywhere in El Salvador...'

Joan Didion,
in 'Salvador'

IT IS OFFICIAL terror like this, the members of SHARE said, along with an escalation of U.S.-backed ground and air attacks on civilian populations where sympathy toward rebels is suspected, that is creating a growing refugee problem inside the country. "People have focused on the problems of Salvadoran refugees in the U.S.," said Purcell. "But what we found is that there is a problem of equal magnitude with the refugees in El Salvador."

She said that since it began work in 1981, SHARE has funneled to the refugees \$40,000, or the amount it costs the archdiocese to operate its refugee centers—which house between 3,500 and 6,000 at any given time—for one month. "It's a very small amount, but we're trying to raise consciousness and serve as a vehicle to get money to the archdiocese."

She said that the archdiocese has created "interim societies" in the camps, with an elaborate set of committees that oversee such matters as health, education, production, and marriage preparation. Asked why the archdiocese does not resettle the refugees outside the camps, she cited a testimony by one man about the government's attack on his village.

He told the SHARE members, according to a transcript supplied by the group, "The mortars fell, bombs dropped from the airplanes—it dropped 6 rockets at one time. There 500 people died. We felt pain because many people were elderly without defense who were not dead but couldn't run anymore because they were weak. What you have to do is let go of their hand, leave them there and continue running. We kept running. We saw cadavers in a cement pile. They had put liquid on them, something that when you throw it on them it shrivels up your body. Thanks to Christ, we were saved. It took us 222 days to get out of there. We can't go home because the military is there."

Canonization of Capuchin planned

VATICAN CITY (NC)—Pope John Paul II plans to name a new saint and to beatify three priests in October, reported Vatican Radio.

Blessed Leopold Mandic, a Capuchin priest, will be canonized Oct. 16 in St. Peter's Basilica, said the Jesuit-run radio. Father Mandic spent most of his life in Padua in northern Italy, where he died July 30, 1942.

Pope Paul VI beatified Father Mandic on May 2, 1976.

The beatification ceremony will be held Oct. 30 in St. Peter's, said Vatican Radio. It listed those to be beatified as Fathers Giacomo Cusmano, an Italian; Domenico del Santissimo Sacramento, a Spaniard; and Geremia da Valachia, a Romanian.

BEATIFICATION is a step toward

sainthood.

Father Cusmano, founder of the Sister Servants of the Poor, Priests Servants of the Poor and an order of brothers, died in 1888. Before he became a priest, he practiced medicine in Sicily.

Father Domenico del Santissimo Sacramento, a member of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity, died in 1927,

two years after he had been ordained. The reputation of his purity of life, his austerity and his observance of the rule of his order was so great that his tomb quickly became the goal of many pilgrimages, said Vatican Radio.

Father Geremia da Valachia was ordained a member of the Capuchin order in Naples, Italy, where he died in 1625.

Pope won't dwell on Turks' defeat during coming Austria trip

He will emphasize Catholic renewal

By Father Kenneth J. Doyle
NC News Service

In an era of religious toleration, tricentennial celebrations of the defeat of the Turks at Vienna are expected to play only a secondary role in Pope John Paul II's forthcoming visit to Austria.

The 300th anniversary of the breaking of the Turkish siege of Vienna, a victory which preserved Western Europe for Christianity, originally got high billing as the occasion for the

'We don't speak much in Austria about the victory over the Turks (which preserved Western Europe for Christianity) especially since there are thousands of migrant workers from Turkey living and working in Austria.'

pope's Sept. 10-13 trip.

But more recent publicity has stressed another purpose: the pope's presence at the Katholikentag or Catholic Day, a national gathering that has been preceded by a year of intensive prayer and study among Austria's 6 million Catholics.

In October 1981 a spokesman for the Vienna Archdiocese announced that the pope would come to Austria for the celebration of the tricentennial of the battle, in which Polish King John III Sobieski led a joint force of 76,000 Poles and Austrians to victory against a Moslem army twice that size.

But the Vatican's recently released trip schedule and comments by church officials indicate that the real high point of the visit will be a papal Mass on Sunday, Sept. 11, to mark the close of the Katholikentag.

Not 'real aim'

Asked whether the military victory was being de-emphasized out of a sensitivity toward Moslems and those of other religions, George Kopetzky, general secretary of the Austrian Federation for Catholic Action, told NC News Service in a telephone interview, "You've got that right."

The Katholikentag Mass on Sunday, he added, "is the most important thing."

The pope will make a brief stop Sept. 13 at Mahlenberg, the hilltop site overlooking Vienna where the 1683

battle with the Turks took place. "We feel that we do have to touch this aspect a bit," said Austrian Bishop Alois Wagner, but it is "not the real aim of the papal trip."

"Almost all the bishops and priests in Austria," he told NC, "are not so much in favor of talking about this anniversary."

Bishop Wagner, who is now vice president of Cor Unum, the Vatican agency which coordinates the church's charities worldwide, is the former auxiliary bishop of Linz, Austria, and for

the last 15 years has directed a Catholic center for 3,000 Asian and African students in Vienna.

Karl Diem, consul of the Austrian embassy to the Holy See, said that during the papal trip the battle against the Turks "will be marked, but not in a triumphal fashion."

Sister Hanni Woitch, an Austrian nun who is a member of the five-person international central team of the Religious of the Sacred Heart, told NC, "We don't speak much in Austria about 'the victory over the Turks,' especially since there are thousands of migrant workers from Turkey living and working in Austria."

In fact, the current Austrian national celebration of the Year of the Turks is focusing on the contributions made to Austria by Turkish culture and customs. One of the most significant of those led to what has become one of Vienna's most famous features, its coffeehouses.

Left behind by the Turkish army in its flight were bags of mysterious dark beans. One year later the first Vienna coffeehouse was opened.

'Relics'

In the summer of 1982 Cardinal Franz Konig of Vienna emphasized at a news conference that religious wars were relics of the past. Anxious that the tricentennial ceremonies not be used to rekindle old antagonisms, the cardinal spoke of the urgency of bring-

ing Christians and Moslems together throughout the world.

In a televised address to Austrians in June of last year, the pope spoke of the importance of the 1683 defense of Vienna, calling it "the European hour of destiny" in which "the city of Vienna was saved from looming conquest by the joint efforts of Christianity."

But more recently the pope indicated a clear sensitivity to the awkwardness of celebrating, during an ecumenical age, a military victory in the name of religion.

While visiting Poland in June of this year, he noted that the battle "did not cause a gulf" between Poles and Turks, despite Poland's key role in the Turkish defeat.

In fact, the pontiff pointed out, between 1772 and 1918, when Poland was erased from the map during a tripartite division, at all diplomatic receptions in the Ottoman court Turkey made a point of asking publicly if the Polish ambassador had yet arrived—keeping alive the notion that there was a Poland and would be again.

In his Warsaw talk the pope also translated the meaning of the victory for Christians today into spiritual terms, calling it a symbol of God's call to each person "to victory over himself, to victory over everything that fetters his own free will and makes it subject to evil."

Spiritual preparation

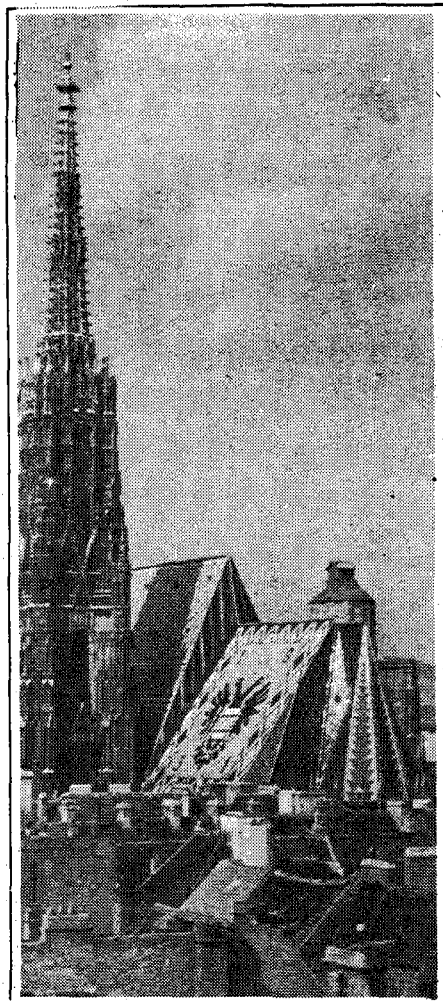
The Katholikentag closing was not a late addition to provide a substitute for the tricentennial celebrations in the papal trip. It climaxes a year-long spiritual program for Austrian Catholics that was more than three years in the planning, and the papal trip has been linked to the Katholikentag since the beginning.

What has happened, rather, is that in the publicity and comments surrounding the trip, the importance of the Katholikentag is in the ascendancy.

The study year has been an intensive one, both on the parish and national level, and it has involved a large percentage of the nation's Catholic.

Each parish was directed to focus homilies and religion classes during the past year on the theme of the Katholikentag, "To Live Hope, To Give Hope."

In addition, 10 nationwide seminars



In Vienna, on his Sept. 10-13 visit to Austria, Pope John Paul II is expected to visit St. Stephen's Cathedral, built in the 13th and 14th centuries. (NC photo)

during the year centered on such topics as "Hope and International Responsibility," "Hope and the Family" and "Hope and Science."

Another important aspect of the papal visit will be the pope's participation in a Vespers service to close a meeting of bishops from both Eastern and Western Europe. This will doubtless afford the pontiff an opportunity to re-emphasize one of his favorite themes, the unity of Europe through Christianity.

"The pope believes," commented Bishop Wagner, "that the only real way for this continent to coexist peacefully is by focusing on our common Christianity, that more important than ideological differences among nations is the common baptism we share."

Renewal sought

Part of the pope's hope, say organizers of the trip, is that his presence in the Austrian nation might spark a renewal in Catholic practice. As in many other European countries, Catholics—although they represent 88 percent of Austria's population—score low on church attendance. An estimated 25 percent of Austrian Catholics attend Sunday Mass regularly.

The pope's hope finds a foundation in the wide participation in the year of prayer and study, and in what Austrian describe as a "lively excitement" about the papal visit.

Vatican says no to Mass without priest

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the Eucharist, he said.

Msgr. Richard Malone, executive director of the NCCB Committee on Doctrine, in the materials sent to the U.S. bishops summarized the Schillebeeckx thesis on ordained ministry and the Eucharist this way: "The election and recognition by the community is decisive. The laying on of hands (of sacramental ordination) is only secondary."

Father Schillebeeckx, recently retired professor of theology at the University of Nijmegen in the Netherlands, argued in his book that as far as the New Testament is concerned, a Christian community faced with no eucharistic president could have chosen

one of its members to preside at the Eucharist without requiring the laying on of hands by a bishop.

The doctrinal congregation's letter said the view "that the power to confect the sacrament of the Eucharist is not necessarily connected with sacramental ordination... is absolutely incompatible with the faith as it has been handed down."

The reason this view is wrong, it said, is that "not only does it deny the power conferred on priests but it undermines the entire apostolic structure of the church and distorts the sacramental economy of salvation itself."

"The apostolicity of the church does not mean that all believers are apostles,

not even in a collective sense, and no community has the power to confer apostolic ministry which is essentially bestowed by the Lord himself," the congregation said.

"THIS APOSTOLIC succession which constitutes the entire church as apostolic is part of the living tradition which has been for the church from the beginning, and continues to be, her particular form of life," the congregation added. "And so, those who cite isolated texts of Scripture in opposition to this living tradition, in trying to justify new structures, have strayed from the truth."

The letter released Sept. 8 was not the first time the doctrinal

congregation has rejected views that the Eucharist can be celebrated without an ordained priest under certain circumstances.

In a declaration dated Feb. 15, 1975, responding specifically to views proposed by the Swiss-born theologian, Father Hans Kung, the congregation listed that error among his teachings.

"The view already suggested by Prof. Kung in the book 'Die Kirche' (The Church), according to which the Eucharist, at least in cases of necessity, can be validly consecrated by baptized persons who are not ordained priests, cannot be reconciled with the doctrine of Lateran Council IV and Vatican II," the 1975 declaration said.

Bishops also told help any in difficulty

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women priests, but Bishop Michael F. McAuliffe of Jefferson City, Mo., chairman of the committee, urged the bishops to study the possibility of ordaining women as deacons.

On Sept. 5 the pope also asked bishops to stress other church beliefs, even if they are controversial and unpopular.

A bishop "will proclaim without fear or ambiguity the many controverted truths of our age," said the pontiff. "He will proclaim them with pastoral love, in terms that will never unnecessarily offend or alienate his hearers, but he will proclaim them clearly, because he knows the liberating quality of truth."

The bishops were told to proclaim the Gospel "in all its purity and power, with all its demands."

This includes proclaiming the indissolubility of marriage, "the incompatibility of premarital sex and homosexual activity with God's plan for human love" and "the unpopular truth that artificial birth control is against God's law," the pope said.

He also asked the bishops to

defend the rights of the unborn, the weak, the handicapped, the old and the poor.

While opposing homosexual activity and premarital sex, a bishop "will at the same time, with all his strength, try to assist those who are faced with difficult moral choices," the pope added.

The authenticity of church teaching does not depend on a popular vote, the pope said.

"**THE BISHOP** proclaims the Gospel of salvation not as a human consensus but as a divine revelation," the pope added.

The bishop, said the pope, "must accept the consequences of the fact that he is, with Jesus Christ, a sign of contradiction" and must "announce to the young and the old, to the rich and the poor, to the powerful and the weak the fullness of truth, which sometimes irritates and offends, even if it always liberates."

In so doing, added the pope, "the bishop will be called upon over and over again to accept criticism and to admit failure in obtaining a consensus of doctrine acceptable to everyone."



Pope John Paul addressed a group of U.S. bishops noting that "again and again" they would have to take unpopular stands. (NC photo).

Women deacons possible?

By Jerry Filteau

WASHINGTON (NC) — When Pope John Paul II told U.S. bishops Sept. 5 not to support any groups seeking women priests, he did not close the door to ordained deaconesses, an issue being actively studied by the U.S. hierarchy.

There are two major U.S. groups, the Women's Ordination Conference and Priests for Equality, which have the ordination of women to the priesthood in the Catholic Church as their major goal. Priests for Equality has about 2,000 members. WOC has about 1,500 members.

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops has not endorsed either group or their goal of women priests, but the NCCB Ad Hoc Committee on Women in Society and the Church recently completed a four-year dialogue with WOC representatives on women's issues in the church.

At the conclusion of the dialogue, the committee did not support women priests. But its chairman at the time, Bishop Michael F. McAuliffe of Jefferson City, Mo., last November urged the nation's bishops to study the possibility of ordaining women as deacons.

He also urged more study and action by the U.S. hierarchy to promote the rights and dignity of women in other areas of church and civil life.

Pope John Paul made a similar plea in his Sept. 5 speech.

He urged the U.S. bishops meeting with him "to oppose any and all discrimination of women by reason of sex" and to work for "every legitimate freedom that is consonant with their human nature and their womanhood."

But he called the church's exclusion of women priests a matter of "Christ's own design for the priesthood" and said that it is "extraneous to the issue of discrimination." He told the bishops to withdraw "all support from individuals or groups who...promote the ordination of women to the priesthood."

Sister of Mercy Maureen Fiedler, a member of the WOC Core Committee, called the pope's comments "another statement in a long line of statements that will increase the alienation of women in the church measurably."

She said the claim that the ordination question is not a matter of discrimination "is simply not true." That argument "has been torn to shreds" by feminist theologians, she said.

The church's position, set out in 1977 in a declaration by the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, is that the ministerial priesthood is not "a human right" but a "totally gratuitous vocation" which cannot be described in terms of justice and rights.

A note accompanying that declaration stated that the declaration intentionally addressed the question only of ordination to the priesthood and not the question of women deacons. In his remarks to the U.S. bishops, the pope also made no mention of deacons, saying only that women cannot be ordained priests.

Msgr. Daniel Hoye, NCCB general secretary, said that the NCCB "has not supported any organization" in any activity promoting the priestly ordination of women, "and I don't know of any individual bishop who has done so."

He said the bishops' committees on the permanent diaconate and on pastoral research and practices are currently studying the question of women deacons, an issue on which he said history is "not all that clear."

Msgr. Hoye interpreted the pope's remarks as telling the U.S. bishops "not to give any encouragement to the idea that the ordination of women to the priesthood is an open question."

But that, he said, does not mean that bishops should cut off all relations with any group that advocates women priests. The bishops should act with "pastoral solicitude, but also firmness on doctrine," he said.

While the WOC and Priests for Equality, both formed in 1975, are the only major national groups formed specifically to promote the ordination of women to the priesthood, numerous local organizations, often informally structured, have that as one of their primary goals.

In addition, many Catholic organizations which were formed for other reasons have endorsed the ordination of women.

The second national meeting of the WOC in 1978 was co-sponsored by more than 35 national and international organizations, including the Liturgical Conference, the National Federation of Priests Councils, PADRES and Las Hermanas, the executive committee of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, the National Coalition of American Nuns, Network, and Priests for Equality.

Just easing frustration—bishops

ROME (NC)—Pope Paul II's request that U.S. bishops withdraw support from groups advocating a female priesthood was designed to discourage hopes that women will become priests, said some of the 23 U.S. bishops who heard the Sept. 5 papal speech.

The pope's thinking is that "to let the discussion continue would just cause ultimate frustration," said Archbishop Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee.

"And I'm sure that the pope doesn't want to do that," he added.

The archbishop was among the U.S.

bishops interviewed by NC News after they attended the meeting in which the pope spoke.

Archbishop John Whealon of Hartford, Conn., agreed. He said he was not surprised by the pope's remarks because "I've come to know the holy father as one who talks about situations and confronts them directly."

"**WHEN I MEET** people who support women's ordination, I always say, 'I don't see how it can be done and the church doesn't see how it can be done. It would be a dramatic change in theology, in tradition and in scriptural

interpretation,'" added Archbishop Whealon.

"The point of the pope's remarks," he said, "is that to encourage any groups favoring women's ordination would be unreal in terms of theology."

To Bishop Mark Hurley of Santa Rosa, Calif., the surprising fact was the strength of the pope's comments.

"What he said was direct, absolute and unconditional," said Bishop Hurley. "We knew of the pope's theological position on women's ordination, but asking us not to give any support to those who advocate it is a further step."

As to the probable reaction in the United States, Archbishop Whealon forecast that "they will get the usual acceptance—they won't change anybody's mind."

ACCORDING TO Archbishop Weakland, "What the pope said will not be well accepted in America, even by some who are not in favor of women's ordination. The termination of discussion is a hard thing for people to accept."

At least one bishop, Archbishop Francis Hurley of Anchorage, Alaska, said that the pope's words are not meant to cut off all discussion.

'Love' works in sister diocese

Miami's Amor en Accion (Love in Action) group continues to help needy of Port de Paix, Haiti

By Laura Garcia
Amor en Accion
Special to *The Voice*

Ever since the Diocese of Port de Paix, Haiti and the Archdiocese of Miami were declared sister dioceses by Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy, (November, 1980), Amor en Accion has served as a link between the Haitian people and the faithful of South Florida.

The Miami-based missionary group's projects in Haiti have involved not only people in the Miami area, but parishes, Catholic schools and the faithful throughout the Archdiocese. (See *The Voice*, Feb. 4, 1983).

In July, nine members of Amor en Accion completed the group's 12th trip to the island, bringing with them a number of new projects and renewed spiritual energy to accomplish them.

PORT de Paix is an area in the northwest part of Haiti which is especially affected by the severity of nature. It is one of the poorest sections of the Western Hemisphere, where:

- 14 percent of newborn babies die before they are a day old;
- 21 percent of the children die



Malnutrition, parasites and illiteracy are commonplace among Port de Paix's children.

before their fourth birthday;

- 80 percent of those who survive suffer from parasites;
- 60 percent suffer from advanced malnutrition.

Widespread illiteracy is typical, since the children must work from a very early age and are unable to go to school. Fully 85 percent of the population is unable to read and write.

One of the priorities of the Diocese of Port de Paix is to provide education which will, no doubt, improve the living conditions of the people.

But the diocese is unable to reach the majority of the children in the area because they live too far away to walk to schools or are too weak to do so. Most schools are just small, dirt-floor huts whose teachers, members of the community they serve, often work without pay.

IN 1983-84, Amor en Accion, with the help of 25 schools in the Archdiocese of Miami, will try to assist 25 schools in the Diocese of Port de Paix. Concerned schools in the South Florida area again have committed themselves to raising funds to assist their sister schools in Haiti.

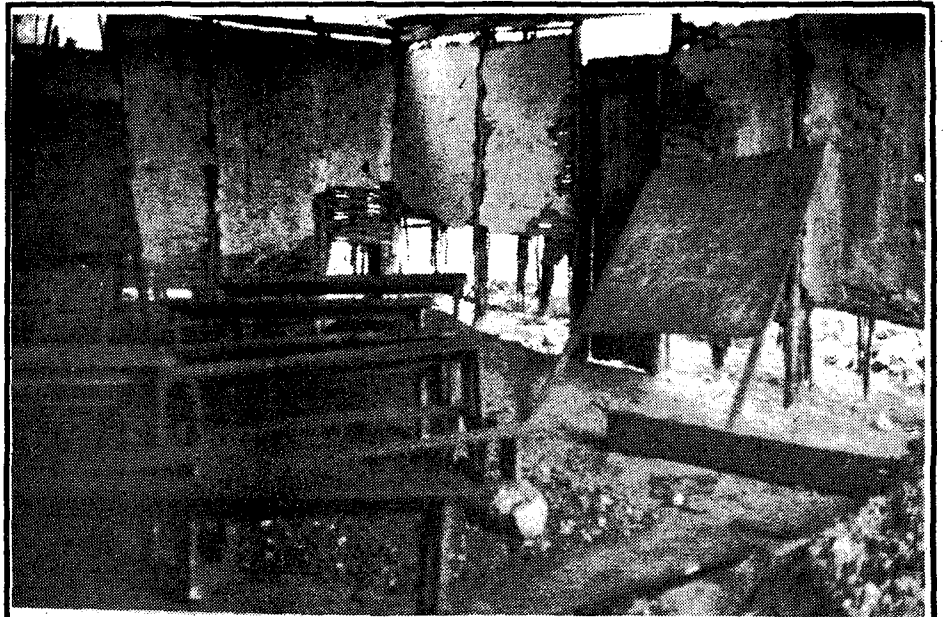
The money will go primarily, as it has in past years, to pay teachers' salaries, about \$40 a month per teacher. The money also may be used to repair, enlarge or build new schools, such as Biquet and Jean Louis, where construction is being sponsored by La Salle High School in Miami and St. Joan of Arc Elementary School in West Palm Beach.

In the future, the two Haitian schools will serve to educate more than 200 students in reading, writing, vocational skills and the Catholic faith.

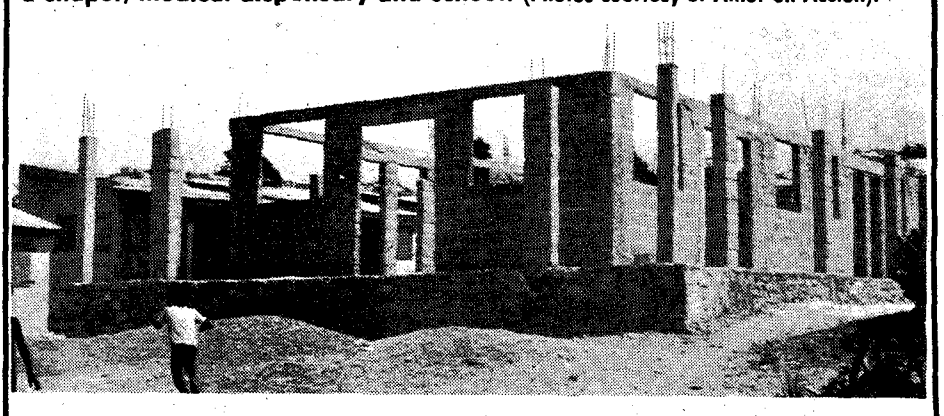
During this latest trip, Amor en Accion members developed a plan to support the education of the Haitian children through a nutritional program which will provide 800 students with a meal while in school. Sponsored by St. Louis Catholic Church in South Dade, the food project will give the children an opportunity for a happier, healthier life and alleviate their parents' biggest worry: their children's "daily bread."

The success of a program like this depends a great deal on the receiving community's active participation. The Haitians must plan it according to their needs and possibilities and work together with their catechist, priest or religious "animator."

The everyday planning required is an opportunity for evangelization and for the community to grow stronger. A strong community life is one of the



A typical school in the Diocese of Port de Paix looks like the one above: a small, crumbling hut with a dirt floor. Paying one teacher's salary costs Miamians \$40 a month. Below, the community center in Nan Palan, which Amor en Accion is helping the local Haitians build and which will be used as a chapel, medical dispensary and school. (Photos courtesy of Amor en Accion).



basic principles of Christianity and an intrinsic value in the Haitian culture.

THIS KIND of community growth already has been taking place in another Amor en Accion-aided community, Nan Palan. In this isolated suburb of Port de Paix, Amor en Accion began putting into practice its commitment to help the needy of Miami's sister-diocese.

The people of Nan Palan always had been forgotten and ignored. They had no faith, no education, no self-esteem. In 1979, after several houses were destroyed by a hurricane, the Red Cross and Amor en Accion joined forces to build 20 new homes. Because of Amor en Accion's support for a small group of community leaders, the Nan Palan community came together and began to work closely with the Catholic Church.

Some people obtained construction work on the project, others contributed their free time. Today, 20 families enjoy their new homes, catechism classes are held every week

and Mass is celebrated every 15 days. (There are very few priests in the area.)

The Nan Palan community now has requested help with the construction of a community center which will serve as a school, medical dispensary and chapel.

This help is already on the way from Amor en Accion members who, during regular visits to the island, volunteer their professional knowledge as engineers, architects, pharmacists, doctors, etc. to help the local community begin and complete the projects.

BACK HOME, group members try to spread the word about what is being done in the sister diocese, what remains to be done and how people in the Archdiocese can get involved.

For more information or to help Amor en Accion write: P.O. Box 341523, Coral Gables, FL 33134 or call 442-2495.

Abortion march set Sept. 17

By Dick Conklin
Voice Correspondent

A group of local residents protesting abortion will march from Deerfield Beach to Boca Raton on Saturday, September 17 as part of the National Day of Rescue.

The two mile walk will follow a rally in Deerfield at 9 A.M., ending two-and-a-half hours later at Boca Raton's Sanborn Square. At the rally, a leader of Women Exploited By Abortion (WEBA), Patti McKinney, will encourage women

who have had abortions to counsel others facing crisis pregnancies. Another speaker will be local pro-life activist Marsha Flemino, president of Broward County Right to Life.

Several local church and civic organizations are joining Gold Coast Right to Life in planning the event, inviting people from throughout the area to participate. September 17 is also Yom Kippur, the Jewish day of atonement. Another goal of the event is to call attention to the U.S. Supreme Court's June ruling, which upheld late term abortions in free-

standing clinics.

The National Day of Rescue was triggered by a growing effort to save babies from abortion with "sidewalk counseling" methods, where pro-life counselors go to abortion clinics and hospitals and offer alternatives to the women going inside. Sidewalk counseling is new to many pro-life groups which have traditionally focused on crisis hotline, public education, and political action means of saving unborn babies.

The marchers will pass by two operating abortion clinics during the Deerfield-Boca Raton walk. Some

people will carry signs and small baby caskets to remind the public of the fifteen million lives lost since the 1973 Supreme Court ruling.

The rally and march will originate in the parking lot of St. Ambrose Church, South Federal Highway, Deerfield Beach, a short distance from one of the area's busiest abortion facilities. It will end near another new clinic in Boca Raton. For more information, call Boca Raton: 482-6748, Deerfield Beach: 428-6130, and Delray Beach: 498-3381.

Matter of Opinion

Soviet reaction not surprising

The recent horror of the skies that occurred over Russian territory has already been condemned throughout the world.

But the significance of the tragedy goes beyond the mere callousness of the act of murder itself.

Beyond the horror of slaughter, in the dim shadows of those responsible for the act can be seen the evils that have and will continue to haunt the world into the foreseeable future.

The symptoms betray the sickness. It is the sickness of a closed society, of closed thought, of closed-minded men obsessed with the methods of power. Since the days of Stalin and even Lenin, Marxism has been little more than a framework on which to hang the revolutionary slogans and excuses for police state activities which are geared to one goal—keeping the rulers in complete control. Marxism is ideal for that end, in that it is a totalitarian ideology encompassing every aspect of society, the

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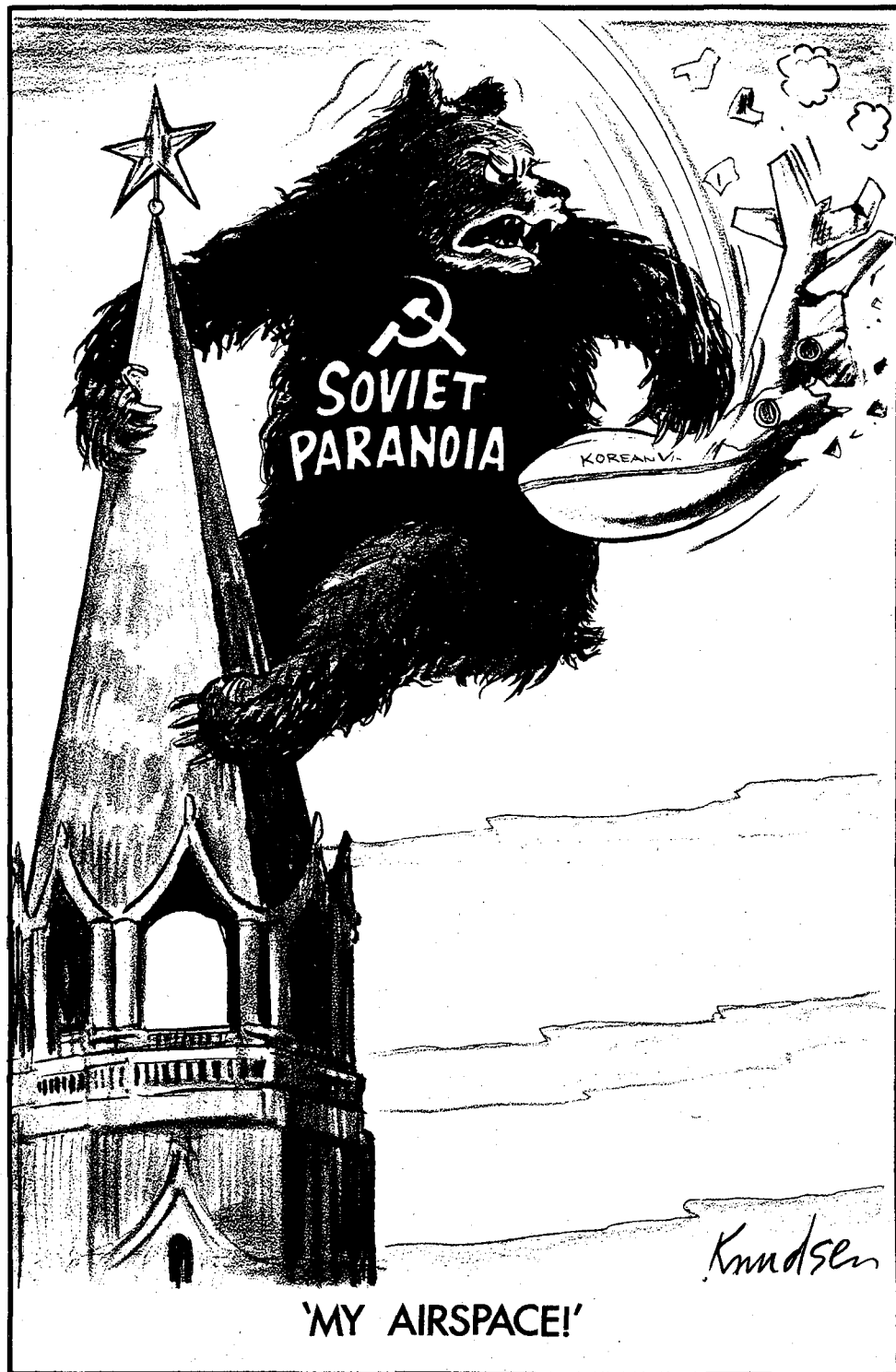
money, the thought processes, the government, education, jobs, transportation, communications. It is ready-made for dictators in blue suits.

But the system requires complete control because it is flawed in its oppressiveness of the human spirit and requires constant propagandizing, thought control and insulation from outside influences.

The symptoms are clear. This time the Soviets are caught in the weaknesses of their own system. Rulers accustomed to handling problems by lying to their people were obviously unable to deal with a problem that was out in the open. The rulers could lie to their own people, but what about the world? They were paralyzed for days, reacting with silence, then obvious lies about their own actions, then attempting to place the blame absurdly on the U.S.

But this should not be so surprising for a system founded by Marx who saw humans only as economic ciphers, and Lenin who preached that lying and killing and thought control were "necessary." Contrast these men to Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln, men who saw greatness in the human spirit and dignity in the individual.

Karl Marx suffered under early capitalism, but because he did not believe in the value of the individual or the spiritual dimension of man, he did not see the possibility of democratic evolution and freedom. The seeds of hate were sown, then seized upon by Lenin and further expanded upon by a murderous Stalin. And now a paranoid bureaucracy struggles for control in Poland, kills daily in Afghanistan, and wallows bitterly in the aftermath of



their latest human failing.

Their system is rooted in a denial of any God or any spiritual dimension of man.

That is why it is so important that spiritual values which have always been basic to America not be eroded and shunted aside as though they were merely a quaint sidelight of Western democracies rather than a major part of the democratic foundation.

Letters to the Editor

Local problems, articles praised

To the Editor:

I applaud your guest editorial "Pulpit Professionals Needed" and also the article "Parish Councils: They are for all of us" both by Deacon Norman Carroll, a permanent deacon of this archdiocese and both in the August 26, 1983 edition of *The Voice*.

It was refreshing to read about two archdiocesan issues addressed by one from our own archdiocese. Articles written by our own clergy, religious and laity lend themselves to more credibility than those from most nationally syndicated sources in that they are pertinent in particular to the Church in this Archdiocese rather than to the Church in America in general.

In the article concerning parish councils, Deacon Carroll refers to Fr. Wm. Burke, a great supporter of parish councils, from Elmont, New York. But Deacon Carroll also puts the status of parish councils in this archdiocese in perspective. Consequently, his approach is much more personable than one would be by Fr. Burke, who estimates that in Long Island, 80% of the Catholic churches have parish councils.

Thank you for giving us these two great articles and we hope to see more from Deacon Carroll.

Karen Bernier
West Palm Beach

Radio talk show filled with hate

To the Editor:

I was born and raised, thank God, a Roman Catholic in Northeast Philadelphia. I moved to Florida in 1974. I am 56 yrs. of age and in no time in my life did I ever experience so much hate towards the Catholic Church as I did recently listening to a radio program. After speaking to other Floridians in the parish, I was informed this man does this on the air very often.

He is an avowed atheist and that is his prerogative. The man is Neil Rodgers and he is on every nite, I'm told, on WNWS. A few weeks ago, I'm told he had Father (Robert) Drinan on his broadcast, the excongressman.

I have to relate what I heard the other evening: "The Pope is senile;" the Catholic Church, headed in the Archdiocese by Archbishop Edward McCarthy, supports the Haitians because

they are rabbits making more Catholics; everyone should put a note in the collection basket this Sunday, stating their dissent and not giving any money in the collection; "They only thing the Catholic Church is interested in is your money."

And to top all this you have some ignoramus call him to say they are Catholics and agree with him percent. Example, one lady called saying she was Catholic and that Rodgers was right on target. When the call was over, Rodgers told her to put the note in the collection basket. She, in turn, said she hadn't been to Church for years.

Another lady called saying she was Catholic and that her daughter and she were very mad at the church for giving Notre Dame Academy to the Haitians and the Archbishop should send birth control information to the Haitians.

Fine catholic representation. The thing that burns me is that this man can say these things on the air and get away with it. Isn't there something that can be done? I'm sure if it were the Jewish or black community it was happening to, there would be repercussions.

This Rodgers also related a story that (he claimed) happened when he lived in Plymouth, Michigan: There lived priests in the house near the

church and next door was a place where the Nuns lived' which name he couldn't recall. I suppose he meant the convent. Anyway, they found all these fetuses in the canal, just like the pets they found here in the canal. His implication was very clear, that the priests and nuns were having babies and tossing them in the canal.

My concern is what people, who are not Catholic or maybe fallen away Catholics, must think of these remarks. My God, this man is a menace! He speaks of bigotry and racism and prejudice. The venom pours out of his mouth against the Church. I certainly wish I knew whom to consult to put a stop to this cancer.

John McNamara

Letters welcome

The Voice welcomes comments from our readers. Such letters are subject to editing for brevity and accuracy. To be considered, letters must contain the name, address, phone number and signature of the writer.

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Vanishing clergy: two responses

"We are a dying breed, scarcer than flies in the middle of the winter."

The speaker, a priest of the Raleigh diocese, made this observation as he surveyed a gathering of the clergy and noted their average age level.

We hear frequent predictions about the advancing years and declining number of priests. Those statistical forecasts become poignantly illustrated, however, in a place like North Carolina, where there are few Catholics (100,000 or 2% of the population) and fewer priests (less than 72, the number of disciples scripture tells us Jesus possessed).

Since the entire body of clergy fits easily into a medium size conference room, one can readily see that most of the priests are past fifty and the younger clerics form a small minority.

Bishop Joseph Gossman is well aware of those realities. The North Carolina leader offers no

brother. By the grace of God and your help and prayers may you one day call me your friend."

Those are not merely pious wishes without practical steps to make them a reality.



BY FR. JOSEPH M. CHAMPLIN

The still-young bishop has three guest rooms in his house which are always available for the clergy of this widely spread out diocese whenever they visit Raleigh. On Sunday afternoons Bishop

management" people, crucial to the success of his own labors, and most in need of support. Bishop Gossman works hard at making it possible that the few clergy he has or will have may be holy, healthy, happy and, thus, effective.

The Legionaries of Christ, like the Raleigh bishop, are missionaries, men working to bring the Good News of Christ and the Church to people in areas where there are few priests. A young community but several decades old, its 180 members presently serve in the Yucatan, South America and Africa.

They recognize the importance of enlisting, forming and sustaining lay persons to assist with the preaching of the gospel.

In one remote Yucatan village, far removed from the mainstream of civilization, the priest missionary spent over six months of quiet living before the suspicions of the residents began to dissipate and they were willing to hear him. He then discovered in that hamlet remarkable traces of Catholic training and tradition dating back probably centuries.

The Church is now flourishing in this Mexican village. Moreover, the missionary has recruited and instructed lay persons who move to neighboring communities and there seek to repeat what he did for them. Their Christian words and example will pave the way for a priest to come at a later time.

In an era when the absence of priestly vocations seems so common, the Legionaries of Christ can cite an opposite trend: they have some 800 students on the way to the priesthood.

Is there an explanation for this phenomenon? The community offers none other than the patent and appealing happiness and commitment of its members, the very qualities Bishop Gossman seeks to foster among the Raleigh clergy.

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simple or sure solution to the current and future dearth of priests. But he has made those 60-70 Raleigh clergy the main focus of his own ministry.

At a Chrism Mass this year Bishop Gossman told his clergy: "When I came to Raleigh as your bishop, I wanted the priests of this diocese to know that I desired that they be colleagues, collaborators, not employees—servants of a bishop. I still want that. Even more I want there to be a bond of friendship, deep and true between you and me between each of you."

"By the favor of the Apostolic See, you call me your Bishop. By the virtue of the Sacraments of Baptism and Ordination you call me Joseph, your

Gossman hosts a cookout for priests in the city on that day. This fall he will begin a monthly newsletter to the clergy communicating his thoughts on current issues of mutual concern.

Some have criticized the bishop's concentration on his service to the clergy, and accused him of fostering a clerical culture to the detriment of the laity or religious.

I found that an unjustified objection, particularly based on his other visionary actions with and for lay persons as a bishop. He, instead, simply recognizes priests as "middle-

Facing a disgraceful fact

The battle against abortion must go on. It isn't a matter of choice. Not if you understand abortion as the deliberate destruction of unborn human life. You must continue to oppose it, you must seek to eradicate it.

The millions of unborn who have been destroyed in the decade since the Supreme Court legalized abortion should horrify us but this is not the greatest horror. The greatest horror is what this willing participation in the destruction of human life does to us as a people. It is not just unborn infants who are dying but the conscience of a nation. Our sensitivity is being anaesthetized. We are a people who, unless our direction is changed, move inevitably to even greater horrors of inhumanity. Having learned to avoid inconvenience by destroying human life, what will a people so conditioned do about the inconvenience in a future time of the handicapped, the ill, the aged?

IT IS a battle not only for the lives of the unborn but the soul of the nation. It is a battle that has been waged for a decade by some

movement as if it were only Catholic. We rightly protested that because it was not true to the facts but, I think, we've always thought that among Catholics there was some unanimity on the evil of abortion.

It is time to face a disgraceful fact. The



BY DALE FRANCIS

opposition to abortion is not unanimous among Catholics but as the pro-life movement battles against the proponents of abortion, there is a clear indication that among Catholics there is a

scientific polling.

THE GALLUP POLL reports that in 1974 Catholics were asked if they approved or disapproved the Supreme Court decision on abortion. Even then there was far from unanimity but 61 percent opposed the decision and only 32 percent approved. In 1981, the same question showed that 56 percent of Catholics opposed the decision while 37 percent approved.

But in the latest survey, Gallup reports that now only 48 percent of Catholics disapprove of the Supreme Court decision and 47 percent approve. Even more startling, the survey says that among Catholics 22 percent believe abortion should be legal under all circumstances while just 19 percent believe it should be illegal under all circumstances.

What has happened? For one thing, there are Catholic theologians teaching this is an acceptable position for Catholics. Dr. Daniel C. Maguire, professor of theology and ethics at Marquette University, teaches that the theological doctrine of probabilism permits it, the concept being that when a consensus on a moral question begins to break down people may act on liberal dissenting views. That this view conflicts with the Magisterium is clear.

Then in the opinion magazine Nation, you may find another reason for this breakdown. Nation refers to the pro-life movement as being a far-right movement. It should not be politicalized at all but from the beginning many leading Democrats, including Catholics, have opposed every pro-life effort and supported the position of the pro-abortion opponents. You may be sure they have influenced their political supporters.

It is a disgraceful situation. It is one the Catholic bishops must meet. If this battle is lost now, it could be lost for the decade.

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dedicated, committed men and women. When the pro-life movement began there was a sense of Catholics being alone in the battle but it soon became apparent there were pro-life supporters across the whole spectrum of society, people of all religions, people of no religion at all. Today the pro-life movement is completely ecumenically-based.

The secular press often continued to treat the

weakening of support for a position that it would seem clear Catholics should hold.

Our Sunday Visitor, which regularly publishes Gallup Poll surveys related to Catholics, gives the result of a survey of Catholics on the abortion issue. There is no information on how many were interviewed, how the sample was chosen, but the Gallup organization has a respected reputation for

Stress and the six year old

Dear Mary: Is it common for 6-year-olds to develop tics? My son has started spitting repeatedly throughout the day. There is nothing physically wrong with him. He has been doing this for a couple of weeks. It annoys me so that I can



BY DR. JAMES
AND
MARY KENNY

hardly look at him. It also embarrasses me when we are out in public. Will it stop? What should I do? — Indiana.

Many 6-year-olds develop weird mannerisms. Parents have reported repeated throat clearing followed by "Excuse me," rubbing and twisting hands together, pulling on, patting or twisting hair, and various facial expressions. And that list is only a beginning.

Six-year-olds are releasing tension, probably related to leaving home. Six is a momentous age. Full-time school begins. The 6-year-old must go

out into the world and meet many new people.

While many children have been exposed to nursery school and kindergarten, first grade is longer and more demanding. The child might have one or more teachers and even club leaders and coaches. Like adults, 6-year-olds are not sure they can measure up to all these demands. Like adults, they experience stress.

Stress in itself is a necessary part of growth. Only through new situations and new challenges can the child realize his growing capabilities.

Like adults, children must learn to cope with stress. Severe stress might produce tears, interrupted sleep, tantrums, bedwetting and regression to more babylike behavior. Such behavior might indicate the stress is too severe. Then parents, teachers and other interested adults might need to examine the situation, find the causes and arrange a less stressful environment for the child.

If the stress is less severe, the child might find his own ways to cope, ways such as you describe. When the child finds a behavior that is annoying but harmless, it is best ignored. If you focus on the behavior and call the child's attention to it, you will probably increase its frequency.

Do not question the child about the tics. If he is feeling tense and stressed, he probably cannot express his problem in words. Even adults, who have considerably more life experience, have difficulty describing the sources of their anxiety.

Although the tic may be annoying in public, do not draw other people's attention to it by discussing it with them. Even when you do not talk directly in front of a child, the child often senses he is being discussed.

Continue to support all the good things he does. Notice his acts of kindness, his growing motor skills like climbing, balancing and bike riding. Notice new signs of growth, becoming taller, the first loose tooth, growing out of clothes. Notice everything that makes him a loving, active son. As he learns to cope he will no longer need the annoying behavior, and it will disappear normally.

(Reader questions on family living and child care to be answered in print are invited. Address questions: The Kennys; Box 872; St. Joseph's College; Rensselaer, Ind. 47978).

The elderly belong to us all

Last spring, Robert Pfohman, editor of Portland's Catholic Sentinel, sent me a note asking me to respond to a Russell Baker column on President Reagan's proposed solution to meeting nursing home costs for old people by levying a tax on their children. To alleviate state Medicaid burdens in a time of bankrupt medical systems, the state would be licensed to tax the children whose parents become senile and helpless for their nursing home care.

Baker pointed out that while emotionally the idea makes sense—isn't taking care of our elderly what family is all about—realistically we have passed beyond the Walton model of family where the middle generation is able to meet the physical and emotional needs of both its older and younger generation.

Bob Pfohman's letter came when I was in the midst of conducting a survey on common stresses in today's family, and early returns indicated that care of elderly parents is a major concern and stress. Along with Baker, I would like to sentimentalize the value of expecting each family to care for its own elderly fully and willingly.

MOST FAMILIES would like to do just that but we're living in a significantly different society from the Walton one where the elderly grew old

on the family farm, helping out where they could and enjoying life with their grandchildren.

Several factors point up the difference. Because of miracle medicine, the elderly are living longer, often in a lengthened state of disability, at a time



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of dwindling birthrates. Demographically, the tax burdens on our fewer children will be astronomical in caring for the many elderly in years to come. Secondly, the era of living in one place like the family farm or small town, has disappeared. We live in a mobile society and the spectre of moving our elderly with us from place to place is both unrealistic and unkind.

Finally, there's the very real dilemma of skyrocketing medical costs. When families find it

difficult to pay emergency room costs for a son's arm, how can they absorb \$3000 surgeries for elderly parents or \$100 a day nursing home costs.

They can't be waved away with a guilt-inducing question, "Don't you love your elderly enough to care for them?" Of course we love our parents but the question is where does our primary responsibility lie—to the upcoming or outgoing generation? It's a terrible agony for families. We want to do both. It is often impossible, given the economic situation of today's middle and lower class families.

BAKER WAS right on when he asked, "What is a family for?" It no longer exists as a tight economic survival unit revolving around and dependent upon a family farm or shop. Families go where the jobs are. They themselves are dependent on factory health, medical insurance, and employment benefits. Many find it difficult to meet already existing taxes.

To penalize families whose elderly require nursing home care is as incongruous as penalizing families whose children require education. We have long recognized that our children belong to all of society and so do our elderly. The move to tax families with institutionalized elderly is not only unfair, it contradicts a basic Christian tenet—of being our brother's and sister's keeper. Jesus didn't waffle on that one and neither can we.

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Family Night

(Contributed by Mimi and Terry Reilly)

OPENING PRAYER

Dear Jesus, if there is anything you want for us it is clearly the gift of peace. You wished us peace over and over again during your life here on earth. You showed us how to be peaceful and to be makers of peace. Help us to have the courage to make peace. Amen.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

War, violence, anger, fighting do not provide the atmosphere for happiness. Jesus tells us that if we want to be happy we have to be at peace, at

peace with ourselves and with others. This Family Night can be well spent if we look at ourselves as peace-makers. A familiar song says, "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me."

ACTIVITY IDEAS

Young Families

PEACE BANNER Materials: banner material, either paper or fabric, scissors, and glue. Talk about war and peace, fighting and making up, friends and enemies. Choose a peace symbol—an Indian peace pipe, an olive branch, the circle with a "Y" in the center, the peace word "Shalom," or another

peace symbol you create. Make a banner using your symbol to hang in your home as a reminder that we all want to be peacemakers.

Middle and Adult Years Families

Have a discussion based on the following questions:

How are disputes settled in your family?

a. Between children?

b. Between parents?

How are disputes settled between you and your friends?

Can you remember an incident which made you so angry that you used violence? Could that dispute have been settled in any other way?

Are there kinds of disputes that can

be settled only by violence?

CLOSING PRAYER

St. Francis' Prayer for Peace—Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is sadness, let me bring joy, where there is darkness, let me bring light, where there is doubt, faith, where there is injury, pardon. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Gems among pebbles?

—part III new fall shows

And so we come to the end of my three-part preview of the new programs for the Fall. Having done NBC and CBS, we can turn to ABC.

ABC has unloaded some oldies ("Laverne and Shirley" and "Too Close for Comfort") and some newbies ("Joanie Loves Chachi" and "Tales of



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the Gold Monkey") to make room for these eight new series:

Just Our Luck: It's just our luck to get a series like this one about a "hip genie" (all quotations, as usual, come from the network's press releases) who finds himself under the command of a "dreary television weathercaster in Wisconsin."

The HG is played by T.K. Carter, who is a man. I tell you this in case you were expecting the return of Barbara Eden.

As for the "dreary" weatherman, I thought such a description to be an example of redundancy.

Oh, Madeline: This one stars Madeline Kahn and I'll take it slow for you because it's not easy to explain.

First, the comedy is modelled after yet another British sitcom. It was entitled "Pig in the Middle" so already we're ahead of the game.

It's about a married couple in midlife crisis. She "tries to express herself by wearing bizarre clothing and learning the martial arts." Meanwhile, the hubbie falls in love with a schoolteacher.

If you buy that premise, you may be ready for:

It's Not Easy: Take one divorced couple and have them live across the street from each other and share custody of the kids.

Add a new husband. Mix in a mother, who lives with the old husband.

Stir. Now taste the results. What do you think? Me, too.

Webster: If you think the previous two plots were mixed up, get set for this one.

Alex Karras (the former football player) and Susan Clark are married. In real life and in this show. They become parents of an eight-year-old orphan. In this show, not in real life. Mr. Karras used to play football and is now a sports commentator — in real life and also in this series.

Confused? Check your Funk and Wagnalls about Webster.

Those are ABC's comedies for the Fall. Here are the hour-long programs:

Hotel: Take a little "Love Boat" and "Fantasy Island." Dock the boat and subtract the air of mystery. You got "Hotel," which, each week, "brings new adventures for its ever-changing roster of guests played by visiting stars."

The regular stars include James Brolin, last seen as Marcus Welby's assistant, and, if she's well enough, Bette Davis.

Medstar: This is, we are assured, "an action-adventure series that follows the heart-stopping work" of a team of medical workers in an emergency room.

One would hope they start more hearts than they stop.

James Naughton stars as Cutter, but they may change that name. First of all, would you go to a doctor named "Cutter"? Second, CBS has a series entitled "Cutter to Houston" in which Cutter is a city. Unless CBS decides to change that title. In which case...oh, never mind.

Lottery: Remember "The



LOVEBOAT ON LAND— Bette Davis may be the best reason to check out "Hotel" a new drama series based on Arthur Hailey's best selling novel which will air on Wednesdays this fall on ABC.

Millionaire"? Well, double it.

Ben Murphy plays the guy who brings checks for \$2 million to folks. The IRS is on hand in the form of an actor named Marshall Colt (he should be in a Western series). What happens to the people? They go money-hungry, give it away to charity, buy crutches for their child waste it on horses...

Just guessing.

Hardcastle and McCormick: The movie "Star Chamber" was just out. It told of a group of judges who pursue, vigilante-style, the criminals they must

release on technicalities.

Guess what "H and M" is about? Right.

Brian Keith plays a retired judge who teams with an ex-convict to catch crooks who slip through the legal system.

And that's it for the Fall. As always, I make fun of the series; they always sound so odd. But, as always, I urge you to check them out for yourself. You never know where the gems lurk among the pebbles.

'Strange Brew' is tasteless

'STRANGE BREW' A-III, PG

As in the dopiest comedies of Cheech and Chong, the comic duo of Doug and Bob McKenzie (Dave Thomas and Rich Moranis) are also spaced-out zanies, although in their case the addictive substance happens to be beer. These Canadian performers, known here for their weekly routines on a late-night TV show, lampoon mercilessly the Great White North as a land of rubes and rustics. An intentionally incoherent plot wastes whatever comic possibilities there might have been in casting Max von Sydow as an arch-villain and Paul Dooley as his cowardly lackey.

'RISKY BUSINESS' O,R.

An enterprising young prostitute

(Rebecca De Mornay) persuades a high school senior (Tom Cruise) to turn his home — his parents are conveniently away on vacation — into a bordello, and he himself becomes a pimp, working his overindulged classmates, who

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wouldn't dare go into a lower-class neighborhood to slake their desires. Though much slicker than similar bits of exploitation aimed at teen-agers, it is breathtakingly crass even by the standards of the genre. If any irony is intended in its benign view of deceit, manipulation, sexual indulgence and a materialism untempered by even the faintest tinge of idealism, it is too muted to have any effect.

MR. MOM A-II, PG

When a father of three (Michael Keaton) loses his job as a Detroit auto engineer, his wife (Teri Garr) goes back to work with an advertising agency while he takes over the household chores. Keaton's performance as the out-of-his-depth male offers little but affable frustration. Garr is pleasantly credible in making the switch from hardworking housewife and mother to talented careerwoman. As TV producer Aaron Spelling's first theatrical movie, it's a routine family sitcom with saccharine-coated problems. For all its trendy recession-setting, the film's sensibilities are of an earlier generation, like the husband's total innocence in the basic survival skills that used to be known as the domestic arts.

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HELP FOR OUR SCHOOLS—Officers of the recently-established Archdiocesan Educational Foundation met last week with Archbishop Edward McCarthy to discuss ways to raise funds that would enable more of South Florida's economically deprived children to attend Catholic schools. Donations will be placed in a trust, and the interest accrued will go to support educational institutions and programs and for student assistance. From left to right, Msgr. Noel Fogarty, vice-president; Joseph Terranova, president; Archbishop McCarthy; Jose Riera, treasurer and Sr. Carmella D'Acosty, secretary. (Voice photo by Ana Rodriguez-Soto).

Religious ed conference scheduled in Orlando

The first annual Sunshine State Religious Education Conference on Nov. 11th thru the 13th at the Sheraton-Twin Towers Hotel in Orlando.

The keynote address will be given by Fr. Matthew Fox, author and Director of the Institute in Culture and Creation Spirituality at Holy Name College in Oakland, California. He will speak on the topic "Spirituality in Religious Education."

There will be many workshops on such topics as "Confirming the Faith of Adolescents," and "Teens and

Prayer Today."

Speakers will include popular religious author Fr. Joseph Champlin and Dr. Marina Herrera, one of the foremost leaders in the development of the multi cultural dimension of religious education.

Registration for the full conference, including a concert by the musical group The Dameans, is \$40. For more complete information and registration write to The Sunshine State Religious Education Conference, Religious Education Office, Diocese of Orlando, P.O. Box 2569, Orlando, Fla., 32802.

Transportation approved for medicaid patients

The Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services offers transportation to Medicaid clients through the Metro Transit Authority to Medicaid clients who need transportation in order to received Medicaid-compensable medical treatment or services.

Bus transportation will be authorized for clients who can take the bus without undue hardship or whose physical conditions do not prevent

them from using public transportation. Clients who cannot take the bus will be authorized to use other modes of transportation.

To receive transportation services a client must call the Medicaid Transportation Unit at least four working days in advance. The Unit is open five (5) days a week, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The telephone numbers are 325-3033 or 325-3041.

It's a Date

St. Bernadette Women's Guild will hold an annual rummage sale Sept. 11 from 8 a.m. to 1

p.m. at 7450 Stirling Road, Hollywood. A variety of clothes, household items, books and ap-

Death penalty conference to produce suggestions

The Florida Catholic Conference, Amnesty International, and many state and local organizations are sponsoring a Florida Conference Against the Death Penalty to be held Oct. 14th-16th in Gainesville at the Gainesville Hilton.

The conference is designed to produce specific recommendations for legislative, social and judicial reforms that will either stop or mitigate the death penalty in this state (Gov. Bob Graham has signed 59 death warrants since he took office in 1980).

Sessions on legislative advocacy, media education, religious action, prisoners' families, and effective

organizing are oriented toward establishing networks within communities and across the state that can work together against the death penalty. Discussions led by local and national figures will propose specific resolutions that conference participants can use as a basis for their own work. In addition, there will be hourly programs of films, slide shows, and displays that will provide additional information about the death penalty.

Registration is \$15. Single rooms are \$40, double rooms are \$48. For further information contact the Florida Clearinghouse on Criminal Justice at (904) 222-4820.

St. Paul of Cross musical set

The Joyful Noise Ensemble will perform the musical THE WITNESS at 9:00 p.m., Saturday, September 10, at St. Paul of the Cross Church, 10970 State Road 703, North Palm Beach. The musical, written by Jimmy and Carol Owens, tells the resurrection

story from the viewpoint of the Apostle Peter.

The performance Saturday night will be a benefit for Food For The Poor, a Pompano Beach-based organization that aids relief work in Haiti and Jamaica.

St. John's Nursing Center seeks volunteers

Musicians, magicians, mimes and other entertainers are needed to volunteer at St. John's Nursing & Rehabilitation Center located at 3075 N.W. 35th Avenue.

St. John's, a 180-bed facility, is a service of the Archdiocese of Miami and offers care to persons of all faiths.

It is the only not-for-profit nursing home in Broward County.

Openings are also available for clerical and patient assistance volunteers. Interested persons should contact Terry Cooney, Coordinator of Volunteers at 739-6233.

Pastoral counseling center offers seminars

The Pastoral Counseling Center at Biscayne College has announced the schedule of seminars for the 1983 "Demonstrated Psychologies" program.

A total of six Saturday seminars are arranged with the first to begin on Sept. 24. The topics include Gestalt

Therapy, biogenetics, Jungian Psychology, and Stress Management.

The purpose of this course is to present current theories of psychology and intergrate them with religion.

For further information call 625-6000.

Bible classes offered

The Dominican Retreat House, 7275 S.W. 124 Street, will offer adult Bible classes beginning Sept. 18. The topic, "Old Testament Prophecy and Its Message for Today," is important for understanding both the Old and New Testament. No previous biblical study is necessary. Evening classes begin Sept. 21 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and daytime classes begin Sept. 22 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

For information or pre-registration, call Sr. Ruth Elsner at 238-2711.

Medical Association offers speakers bureau

The Dade County Medical Association invites all non-profit community organizations to use the services of its free Speakers Bureau program. Over 200 physician-speakers, representing nearly every medical specialty are enrolled in our Speakers Bureau and are available to civic, social, religious, and educational groups free of charge. For information, please call the DCMA's Office of Communications at 324-8717.

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St. Kieran's Church will have a luncheon and fashion show Oct. 1 at the Omni Hotel in the International Ballroom. Refreshments will be served at 11:30 a.m. Luncheon served at noon and

the fashion show will begin shortly thereafter. The event will be arranged and staged by Dominique of Coral Gables and all proceeds from the show will benefit St. Kieran's building fund. For further information and tickets call St. Kieran's rectory at 854-1521.

Amor en Accion's annual dance will be held Oct. 8 at 9 p.m. in the La Salle High School cafeteria. Admission is a \$7 donation for the group's projects in the Sister Diocese of Port de Paix and in Santo Domingo. La Salle is located at 3601 South Miami Avenue.

Sacred Heart Ladies Guild will have a Catholic Charities Card Party Sept. 24 from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at Madonna Hall located at 430 North "M" street Lake Worth.

Mercy Hospital will present a discussion on "Food, Chemicals and Energy" Sept. 22 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on the 6th floor Conference Center, to register call 285-2701.

The Blue Army will honor Our Lady of Fatima Sept. 13 at St. James Catholic Church beginning with the Rosary at 7 p.m., followed by Mass and the Act of Consecration to our Blessed Mother. St. James is located at the corner of N.W. 132nd street and Seventh Avenue in North Miami.

Lay Ministry offering Outreach classes

Good News Catholicism classes will be offered at Immaculate Conception Parish in Hialeah beginning Sept. 12 at 8 p.m. and continuing every Monday night for 13 weeks. Classes will be taught in Spanish by Zoila Diaz, assistant director of the Office of Lay Ministry of the Archdiocese of Miami. Along with Immaculate Conception, the following parishes are invited to participate: Our Lady of the Lakes, St. Benedict, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Lazarus, St. Robert Bellarmine, St.

Cecilia, St. John Apostle, Blessed Trinity, Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Monica.

Starting Sept. 14, a team from the Office of Lay Ministry will offer Good News Outreach Training at St. Mary Cathedral every Wednesday night for 13 weeks. Classes will be in Spanish and the following parishes are invited to participate along with St. Mary: St. Martha, Corpus Christi, St. James, St. Rose of Lima, Holy Family, Gesu and Visitation.

Both series of classes are free. For more information, contact the office of Lay Ministry, 757-6241, extensions

370-374. Or call the host parishes: Immaculate Conception at 822-2011 and St. Mary at 759-4531.

Creole classes offered

Classes in the Creole language for beginners and intermediate students will be offered at the Pierre Toussaint Haitian Catholic Center, 110 N.E. 62 Street in Miami, beginning this month.

Basic classes will begin Sept. 26 and run every day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

until Oct. 7. Intermediate classes will run from Oct. 10 to Oct. 21, again daily from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All classes will be taught by Marie Jocelyne Levy, of Florida International University. For more information, contact the center at 751-6289.

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GOD: I want to know!

"What do you want to know about God?" One person wants to know how big is the universe and why she is on this planet. A bookstore clerk wants to know if God exists while another person wonders if there is life

after death and if so what it would be like. One young man wonders if God has breathed life into all the faraway stars and planets. (NC Photo).

By Dolores Leckey
NC News Service

"What do you want to know about God?"

I put that question to a number of people while vacationing recently at the seashore.

I had arrived at the shore with relatively few encumbrances. But inevitably, some work was packed among my lotions and books to read on the beach, including a reminder to get working on this article.

First I posed the question to houseguests.

Gen, a booking agent for music groups, replied that she wanted to know the "hows and whys" of God.

"How big is the universe?"

"Why am I on this planet at this particular time? Is there a reason?"

She also wanted to know about creation, "How does it all work?"

AS SHE warmed to the topic, she offered more. God is different, she said, adding that she wanted to glimpse something of that otherness.

Her husband, Mike, a university dean, after a thoughtful few minutes, said that when he thinks about God, he wonders what God is not. That, Mike said, says something about who God is.

Heartened by the willingness of two friends to share spontaneously some rather personal reflections on God, I moved my inquiry to more public places.

At the bookstore: The young cashier added up my purchases and was waiting to be paid when I held up the transaction for a few minutes. "I'm writing an article about what

people say they want to know about God. How about you?"

Her question about God was straightforward: "Does he exist?" she promptly answered. "I hope he does but I want to know, does he?" She looked at me then in a way that cried out for some definite answer.

AT CHURCH. A middle-aged local resident at my vacation parish, who attends Mass every day, is a full-

surf, a young man drew me into conversation. He is a traveling aide for his employer, a quadriplegic.

The young man narrated a story of tragedy and courage. A diving accident some years ago caused his employer's disability. Despite the severity of his physical limitations he continued with his graduate studies and with the responsibilities of family life.

answer as I thought he would. Instead, he talked about the stars and the splendor of the heavens. He wondered if God has breathed life onto all those faraway galaxies which fascinate him. He doesn't want to risk the journey himself to a distant star, but he hopes someone, someday, will.

The last person I questioned was a vacationing government executive. He took a long time to answer and when he did he ventured that he'd like to understand more clearly what God is saying. He thinks God tells us things, "bit by bit," in all the great and small experiences of the universe.

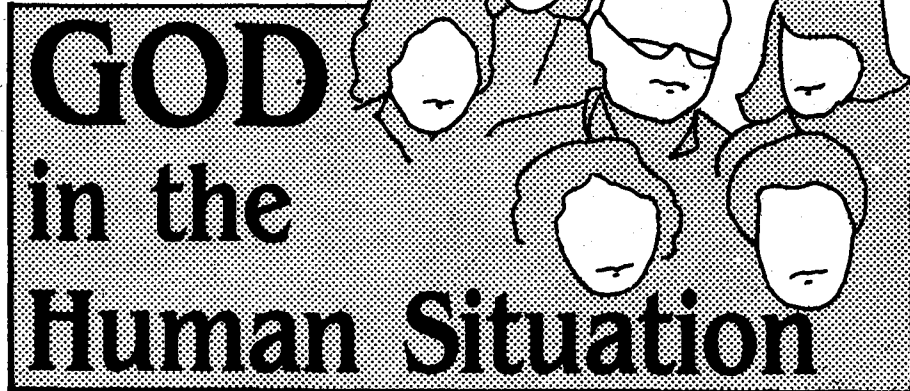
All in all, my respondents surprised me. I had thought the first questions they would raise might concern human woes and the reasons why a loving God can allow evil to exist in the world. However, the people I spoke with seemed to want to ponder God.

I was reminded of the scene in Alice Walker's novel, "The Color Purple." There Celie confesses that "I been so busy thinking about him I never truly notice nothing God make. Not a blade of corn (how it do that), not the color purple (where it come from?). Not the little wild flowers. Nothing."

My people wondered about the kinds of questions Celie raised. The stars: How do they get there? The ocean and sun and sand: What are they saying to us? Life after death: Will we miss the beautiful earth?

After talking to those people, it seemed clear that questions about God still stir the human heart and imagination.

Know Your Faith



time lay minister working with home-bound persons.

She wonders if after death there is life as we know it on earth. Does personal consciousness grow and expand? Will we recognize others who have died? In life after death is there a kind of community? And how is God present in it?

On the beach: One brilliant July day, as I enjoyed the sound of the

As we talked about living with handicaps, I dared to ask my question about God. I thought surely the young man would answer along the lines of Rabbi Harold Kushner in his book, "When Bad Things Happen to Good People." The rabbi asks: why good and caring people sometimes suffer diving accidents and lifetimes of disability.

BUT THE young man didn't

By Father John Castelot
NC News Service

Once, when the prophet Elijah was fleeing for his life from the wrath of the irreligious Queen Jezebel, he stopped to take shelter in a cave. Directed by the Lord to stand outside and await his arrival, Elijah looked for some spectacular manifestation of the divine presence.

Soon a violent wind sprang up, a sure sign that the Lord was present. "But the Lord was not in the wind." (I Kings 19:11).

The wind was followed by a shattering earthquake. Elijah thought this

surely signaled God's presence, for that was how he manifested himself to the people at Sinai. "But the Lord was not in the earthquake."

Next came a fire, another biblical symbol of divine presence and power. "But the Lord was not in the fire."

Finally "there was a tiny whispering sound," and when Elijah heard this, he hid his face in his cloak. He realized that God had come in a most unimpressive, unexpected way. And Elijah was right this time.

PEOPLE fret and doubt and tear themselves apart with anxiety because they think God does not care about them. They run around in a panic

looking for him, hoping for some reassuring bolt from the blue.

But if they would just be quiet and listen calmly, they would hear that "tiny whispering sound." For those who listen, the sound can become a shout: "Relax! I am always with you. There is nothing to fear."

The very name "Yahweh" has been translated, "He who is always there." He truly is always there, always caring, loving, forgiving. "For I am God and not man, the Holy One always present among you; I will not let the flames consume you." (Hosea 11:9).

Mark's familiar gospel story of Jesus' stilling the storm on the lake is

The whisper of God

GOD in the Human Situation

Why must we suffer?

By Monica Clark
NC News Service

"Why has God let me know so much suffering?" asks 54-year-old Dorothy Alexander.

Alexander was placed in an Oklahoma orphanage when she was 2 years old. "I've never known a mother or father or a family that's loved me. I miscarried all five of my children. I've been escorted out of an all-white church and had KKK sprayed outside the high school classroom where I was teaching. I've known so much heartache and so much sorrow. I say to the Lord, 'Master, why me?'"

For Alexander, one of the most universal questions about God — Why is there suffering in the world? — rises not from an abstract inquiry, but from the depths of her continuously wounded spirit.

Her questions and her agonies become one and in the midst of them she finds God. "Look what people did to Jesus, I say to myself. 'So what can I expect?' That helps take the hurt away."

ALEXANDER says it is during moments of intense suffering, when her question screams the loudest, that she experiences God embracing her with love. "I know he's there and when I talk to him and cry out all my troubles, I feel his presence," she says. "I know he is with me, listening to me and loving me and that makes all the difference."

Suzanne Franco, a 42-year-old mother of six, acknowledges that for her God remains distant. Though her life has been relatively free of intense personal tragedies, interior religious turmoil has been hers since the age of 9 when she first questioned her father about God's existence and found him unable to answer.

Today she still asks: "Is God real?" She adds: "My doubts won't go away and that's tough. When I'm at Mass, (I've never missed a Sunday) I look at the congregation and want to shout out, 'You are so lucky to believe!'"

Franco wants her children "to have a strong and joyous faith. I don't want them to have to struggle the way I do," she said.

STRUGGLE seems to be common among those who come to belief. Steve Prince, 29, was baptized three years ago after a long search. His



One of the most universal questions about God—Why is there suffering in this world? — rises not from an abstract inquiry about the existence of evil and pain, but from the depths of one's continuously wounded spirit. (NC Photo).

constant prayer, "God, if you're out there find me," led him often to a nearby Catholic church. "God reached out to me and I started believing for the first time," Prince says.

His conversion, however, did not end his questions. "Now I want God to show himself to me more clearly so I'll know what I should do with the rest of my life."

He compared his new faith with love, explaining: "When I love someone I want to be with that person and talk with her and show my caring. If God loves me, why does he stay so far away and make it so difficult for me to know his will?" Prince asks.

"What I'd like is a lightning bolt or some tangible sign. Then I could be zealous like St.

Paul. Instead I'm always on the road to Emmaus, unable to recognize that the Lord is talking to me," he said.

PRINCE admits that sometimes he offers a prayer of anger and frustration to God: "You make things clear for other people, why don't you do it for me?"

"I can't pray my questions away so I've come to accept them as my gift," Franco explains, one that's "not easy to have but a gift anyway."

Prince added, "I'm totally in awe of how God works. I can't wait to get to heaven to find out just what this is all about. I'm going to sit down and ask, 'What were you doing, Lord? Wasn't there an easier way to do all this?'"

a powerful lesson which speaks directly to people's concern that God won't stay by them.

cushion," apparently completely unconcerned about what was happening. Finally the disciples woke him and

'People fret and doubt and tear themselves apart with anxiety because they think God does not care about them. They run around in a panic looking for him, hoping for some reassuring bolt from the blue.'

AS MARK tells the story in Chapter 4, a sudden squall threatened to sink the boat with all hands aboard. Jesus was "sound asleep on a

said, "Teacher, does it not matter to you that we are going to drown?" Then Jesus quieted the storm and asked: "Why are you so terrified?"

Why are you lacking in faith?"

In this account, the boat is Mark's community. It is buffeted by the storms of hostility and persecution. Like the disciples, its members are tempted to think that the risen Lord has left them to their ugly fate. But when they call to Jesus, he demonstrates he has been there all along.

The question he asks—"Why are you lacking in faith?"—remains the same for all Christians who doubt his love, his constant care, his powerful presence.

The compassionate, caring, forgiving Jesus is really the embodiment of a divine love which has revealed itself

all through history.

THINK of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3:21. Even after they disobeyed God and gave human history a tragic twist, God still showed his concern: "For the man and his wife, the Lord made leather garments with which he clothed them."

The loving care of God for his creatures is so constant, so tender, that it can be described as positively maternal. Second Isaiah ascribes these words to Yahweh!

"Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even if she should forget, I will never forget you." (Isaiah 49:15).

The priest is OUT: Umpiring

FORT DODGE, Iowa (NC) — Being a priest and being an umpire complement each other in the life of Father Craig Collison.

In addition to duties at Corpus Christi Parish in Fort Dodge, Iowa, and teaching religion at St. Edmond High School, Father Collison, 30 is an award-winning umpire.

Father Collison was transferred to Corpus Christi during the middle of a baseball season, and for his first sermon he used an umpire story.

"When I preach I use my experience as examples," he said.

HE SAID the stories he tells usually are well-received because people can identify with a lot of his experiences.

It works vice versa, too. Techniques for making a point in a homily have "helped in explaining" a disputed call, he said.

Some parishioners may wonder what duties at the parish he's neglecting when he is umpiring, but there have been no vocal objections, he said.

The majority of parishioners, however, like what Father Collison is doing. "They think it's neat that I do something different," he explained.

FATHER COLLISON, ordained in 1978, said that before entering the seminary he had wanted to be a professional umpire. "Priesthood eliminates any professional aspirations," he said, but he does set goals.

Two of his goals were to be Iowa high school umpire of the year and to officiate at the state high school baseball championship. His first goal was realized last year, and the second came



"He's out," signals Father Craig Collison of Corpus Christi parish in Fort Dodge, Iowa, in his role as umpire during a summer high school tournament. The priest, who has been umpiring for 17 years, was named Iowa high school Umpire of the Year in 1982. (NC photo)

July 26 when he was assigned to the July 30-31 Iowa high school playoffs.

Father Collison said he likes doing both jobs, but it would be wrong if umpiring became more important than his ministry.

He began umpiring for a little league team when he was 13 and worked more than 120 games a season before his ordination. He now works about 40 games a season because of his parish work.

the Saints

ST. ISAAC THE GREAT



ISAAC WAS THE SON OF ST. NERSESI, PATRIARCH OF ARMENIA. HE STUDIED AT CONSTANTINOPLE, MARRIED AND UPON THE EARLY DEATH OF HIS WIFE BECAME A MONK. HE WAS APPOINTED PATRIARCH OF ARMENIA IN 390 AND SECURED RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH, THUS ENDING ITS LONG DEPENDENCE ON THE CHURCH OF CAESAREA.

HE ENDED THE PRACTICE OF MARRIED BISHOPS IN THE ARMENIAN CHURCH, ENFORCED BYZANTINE CANON LAW, ENCOURAGED MONASTICISM, BUILT CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS, AND FOUGHT PERSIAN PAGANISM. HE WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING A NATIVE LITURGY.

ISAAC CHOSE RETIREMENT FROM 428-432 RATHER THAN GET ENTANGLED IN THE POLITICS OF ARMENIAN PRINCES. HE RETURNED TO LEAD THE ARMENIAN CHURCH AS AN OLD MAN. HE DIED IN 439. HIS FEAST IS SEPT. 9.

What is a teacher?

By Hilda Young
NC News Service

A teacher is someone who makes you sit by Randy because you talk too much if you sit by your friend Bobby.

A teacher is someone who gives you hints on how to remember the "nine times" and the "12 times" and laughs when you describe how your mother got a headache helping you with your math.

A teacher is someone who smiles in a funny kind of way when you accidentally call him or her daddy or mommy.

A teacher is someone who listens attentively while you explain why you don't have your homework, but still makes you do it over.

A TEACHER is someone who knows what every word in the Pledge of Allegiance means and can spell the words too.

A teacher is someone who can correct papers and can see Benny Fitz shoot a spitball at the same time.

A teacher is someone who remembers what it was like to be afraid to talk in front of the class.

A teacher is someone who makes it fun to learn long division.

A teacher is someone who doesn't think it's funny when you say dictionaries are stupid because if you knew how to spell a word you wouldn't have to look it up, and if you don't know how to spell it how should you be expected to look it up.

A TEACHER is someone who is almost always nice and fair to everyone in the class, even the kids it's hard to like sometimes.

A teacher is someone who knows that letting you clean the chalkboard erasers makes you feel better if you're feeling blue.

A teacher is someone who really looks forward to school starting — and really looks forward to school ending.